#### Leading Pakistani politician arrested

LAHORE. Pakistan (R) — Pakistan's military authorities have arrested a leading opposition politician, Faroug Leghari, for defying a ban on political activity, opposition sources said Sunday. They said Mr. Leghari, secretary-general of the banned Pakistan People's Party of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was arrested Saturday at Rajanper town in Punjab Province. Mr. Leghari had criticised the military government in a speech at a meeting of opposition workers on Friday at Rajanpur. about 480 kilometres southwest of the provincial capital Labore. the sources said. All political parties and political activity in Pakistan have been banned since October 1979.

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PLO to continue joint

moves with Jordan and

Arabs, Abu Jihad says

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#### Algeria urges support for N.African union

TUNIS (R) — Algerian Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahimi said Sunday the creation of a union between North African states was the principal objective of nationalists in the area. In a statement, quoted by the Tunisian news agency TAP, Mr. Taleb lbrahimi said the Arab Maghreb union had been the dream of politicians in the area since the time of the struggle for liberation from French colonialism. "We are firmly convinced that our generation has a historic mission to accomplish which consists of laying the foundations of the grand Maghreb," he said.

#### Ghali stresses need for Israeli pullout

CAIRO (R) - Egyptian minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali Saturday told a senior U.S. official that Egypt wanted swift moves to secure Palestinian rights and a Lebanon rid of foreign troops. Dr. Ghali, speaking to reporters after a meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs Robert Pelictreau, said he explained to his guest that "Egypt wanted fast moves to secure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops from

#### Carter winds up Mideast tour

RABAT(R) --- Former American President Jimmy Carter left for Washington Sunday after 36 hours in Morocco at the end of a tour of the Middle East. He conferred Saturday night in the central Moroecan city of Fez with King Hassan. Officials gave no details of the conversation. On his Middle East tour he conferred with Arab leaders in Saudi Arahia, Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Lehanon, and while in Cairo he met with two leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). He also visited Israel.

#### Soviet daily accuses U.S. of supplying chemicals to Afghans

MOSCOW (R) - A semi-official Soviet newspaper accused the United States Sunday of supplying Afghan rebels with chemical weapons. The trades union daily Trud Illabouri said in a report from Kabul that a captured member of the Mir-Khamsa rebel group told a news conference his organisation had been supplied by U.S. agents with between 60 and 70 poison gas grenades. Trud said other rebel groups, who are fighting the Soviet troops supporting the Communist government in Kabul, were equipped with such

#### U.S. offers to boost aid to Greece

ATHENS (R) - Two of Greece's most influential newspapers reported Sunday that the United States had made a sharply increased offer of military aid to Athens. paving the way for agreement on U.S. military bases here. Fivemonth-old talks on the bases resamed on Friday night, after a Week's deadlock said to be have been caused by the military aid issue. Greek officials made clear that the resumption followed an American initiative.

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In an interview with the London Sunday Times, Mr. Reagan said: "I think what I would resist is a kind of get-acquainted meeting

LONDON (R) - President Reaean was quoted Sunday as saying he would meet Soviet leader Yuri Andropov this year if the talks seemed likely to produce sigpificant results.

because I think such a meeting raises people's expectations so high that then we'd just be able to say well, we got acquainted and said hello' and not have any results."

spaper's Washington correspondent, asked Mr. Reagan whether he foresaw a meeting with Mr. Andropov this year.

The president replied: "Yes, I can see that, though there are no immediate plans.'

He added: "We are in touch constantly, seeking areas of discussion for a meeting that would be beneficial to both sides."

Asked if there were preconditions for a summit, Mr. Reagan said: "You never plan such a meeting with preconditions. You Henry Brandon. the new- can only determine in advance the

subjects that should be discussed to be certain there will be some significant results."

It was better to be realistic and Palestinian -- could be achabout differences than sweep them under the carpet in the name of diplomacy and detente.

On limiting nuclear missiles in Europe, the president said his "zero-zero" plan remained the Western objective but the U.S. was ready to negotiate in good

suggestion on the way to the ultimate goal." On the Middle East, Mr. Rea- estinian problem."

Reagan offers conditional talks with Andropov gan said he was optimistic that the withdrawal from Lebanon of all foreign forces -- Israeli, Syrian

where he is mayor.

He rejected a suggestion that ded to reach a settlement.

U.S. pressure on Israel was nec-"Israel needs to have the sec-

urity not to remain an armed camp at great expense to its economy and this is going to take a comfaith "any reasonable proposal or promise with regard to territory. recognition of Israel's right to exist and resolution of the Pal-



A royal British joke: The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their Prince William, enjoy a joke with waiting newsmen at Alice Springs airport at the

start of their visit to Australia Sunday (A.P. wirephoto) Story on page 8

# King, Habib hold talks in London

LONDON (R) - King Hussein and U.S. special envoy Philip Habib discussed Lebanon and the Middle East in London Saturday, but officials disclosed nothing of substance about the talks.

A Jordanian spokesman said the talks lasted less than an hour. The King told reporters Friday hat American credibility was fac-

ing a difficult test and time was

running out for progress towards

Mr. Habib, travelling to the Middle East, stopped in London to see King Hussein.

The King told reporters Sat-urday that U.S. credibility faced a difficult test over its efforts to negotiate withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

"We are way behind schedule on the American side in terms of the goal that was set for the beginning of this year." he said.

King Hussein came to London at the head of a delegation which urged Britain to support Arab League proposals for resolving the Middle East conflict by creating an independent Palestinian state.

#### secret that PLO fighting units have been given orders to step up **Qaboos** their attacks both in the occupied to visit Jordan with the Israelis, through the Intend March

AMMAN (J.T.) - Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman will pay an official three-day visit to Jordan in the last week of this month, an announcement by the Royal Sultan Quboos will be paying the visit at the invitation of His Maj-

esty King Hussein. Sultan Qaboos will also visit the United States from April 11 for talks with President Reugan and U.S. officials, the Omani Press Agency reported Sunday.

#### Cairo says Arabs should initiate diplomatic ties BEIRUT (R) - A senior Egy- ntries to explicitly express their

ptian minister was quoted Sunday as saying that Egypt had good relations with Iraq. Jordan and Lebanon, but any formal move to resume diplomatic ties had to come from these countries. Answering written questions

Monday Morning, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said: "Egypt would be most willing to resume its diplomatic relations with these and other Arab countries.'

"However, since Egypt was not the one which severed diplomatic relations, it is for the Arab cou-

wish to resume their diplomatic relations with Egypt. Most Arab states and the Pal-

estine Liberation Organisation (PLO) broke off relations with Egypt in 1979 after the late President Anwar Sadat signed a trefrom the English-language weekly aty with Israel under the U.S.sponsored Camp David process.

Dr. Ghali said relations with the PLO, which had shown signs of thawing earlier this year, were strained by a resolution on Egypt adopted by the PLO's policy-making Palestine National Couneil (PNC) which he described as a diplomatic blunder.

# Israeli cabinet discusses | Eanes: PLO is just one of new U.S. proposals

By Lamis Andoni

AMMAN — Resolutions adopted by the Pal-

estine National Council (PNC) in Algiers last

month have left the door wide open for the

Palestinian leadership to continue joint pol-

itical moves with Jordan and the Arab World

towards achieving a just and lasting set-

tlement to the Palestine problem, a senior

rently in Amman to participate in

the sessions of the Higher

Jordanian-Palestinian Joint

Committee for the Support of the

Steadfastness of the Palestinians

in the Occupied Territories. The

committee is made up of senior

PLO and Jordanian government

officials and is in charge of ren-

dering financial and moral support

to the people in the West Bank

and Gaza. Since U.S. President Ronald

Reagon announced his initiative

for a comprehensive Middle East

settlement last September, Jordan

and the PLO have engaged in int-

ensive talks on a proposed fed-

eration or a confederation bet-

ween Jordan and a freed West

Bank and Gaza. In his Sept. 1 pro-

posals, the U.S. president called

for an Israeli withdrawal from the

occupied Arab territories, with

minor border adjustments, and self-rule for the 1.25 million Pal-

estinians living there in ass-

ociation with Jordan. The que-

stion of a joint Jordanian-

Palestinian peace negotiating team, as called for by the U.S., was

Palestinian leader said Sunday.

Khalil Al Wazir, the deputy

commander of the Palestine Lib-

eration Organisation (PLO) for-

ces, stressed that the PLO is det-

ermined to explore all avenues

leading to a Middle East solution

based upon meeting the legitimate

rights of the Palestinian people to

self-determination and statehood.

Times, Mr. Wazir, better known

25 Abu Jihad, outlined the PLO's

position on the current search for

peace in the area. "Our political

moves and position on peace ini-

tiatives are determined by three

measures," he said. "First, gua-

rantees offered to the Palestinian

people that ensure the ach-

ievement of our national goals inc-

luding our right to establish an

independent Palestinian state.

Second, political moves that stem

from a united and strong Arab

position. And third, practical

American steps that would restore

iosi Ainerican credibility and inai

would make the Arabs trust U.S.

The Palestinian leader is cur-

intentions in any peace effort."

In an interview with the Jordan

TEL AVIV(R) - The Israelicabinet Sunday discussed new U.S. proposals for "security arrangements" in South Lebanon as part of an agreement that would enable Israeli troops to withdraw from Lebanon, cabinet sources

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir was to confer later Sunday with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib on the proposals.

Libyan girl

disappears

in London

police said Sunday.

police spokesman said

The sources said the ministerial defence committee might meet

year-old daughter of a Libyan dip-

lomat has disappeared in London,

Amal Sharif, whose father

Mohammad Hadi Sharif is a fin-

ancial attache at the Libyan peo-

ple's bureau in London, vanished

on Friday afternoon after leaving

her mother and sister to look for a

watch lost on a shopping trip, a

She later telephoned her par-

ents to say she had had an accident

and had internal bleeding, a spo-

kesman said. "Then it sounded as

it she fell and the phone dropped.

An English voice was heard to say

'no, no, no' and the phone went

on proposals produced by Mr. Shamir and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz during consultations in Washington last

The committee's meetings are held in secret and it is against the law for any details of the dis-cussion to be divulged.

Israeli Radio said several cabinet members raised objections to the proposals which Mr. Shamir presented, saying they were vague.

PARIS(R) - Foreign Trade Min-

ister Michel Jobert, a senior figure

in France's Socialist adm-

inistration, resigned Sunday as a

major shake-up in the 22-

imminent.

cabinet.

month-old government appeared

Mr. Jobert, 61, who also served

in Gaullist administrations, was

the first senior cabinet member to

leave since the Socialist gov-

ernment was formed in June 1981.

finance ministers met in Brussels

to work out a realignment of Eur-

opean currencies. The outcome of

the talks will partly determine the

policies of France's expected new

Remarks by French Finance

Minister Jacques Delors and a

round of meetings at the Elysee

Palace in Paris indicated President

François Mitterrand was close to

He announced his decision as

# Palestinian spokesmen

to add to them, such as the PLO's Full text of the interview on

CAIRO (R) - The president of Portugal said here Sunday that his country recognised the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as one representative of the Palestinian people but not the sole

Khalil Al Wazir (Abu Jihad)

also raised at the talks, but no dec-

ision has been taken yet on the

Abu Jihad said that PLO Cha-

irman Yasser Arafat is expected to

come to Jordan at the beginning of

April to continue discussions with

His Majesty King Hussein and the

Jordanian government after the

PLO Executive Committee and

Higher Military Council meetings

These meetings, he said, will

have covered a number of issues

such as present and future Pal-

estinian ties with Jordan, moves to

patch up Arab differences, dis-

patching PLO teams to world cap-

itals to explain the Palestinian

stand on the various issues and

discussing the situation in the occ-

Abu Jihad said Jordanian con-

upied territories, among others.

ditions for joining the peace pro-

cess are very important but that

role as the sole and legitimate rep- page 5

the PLO has other "dimensions"

currently taking place in Tunis.

spokesman. President Antonio Ramalho Eanes, speaking at a press con-ference after a three-hour session with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, said: "My country recognises the PLO only as one representative of the Palestinian peo-

French finance minister resigns

ordering the long-awaited res-huffle, which could include a cha-

In a statement. Mr. Jobert said

he had decided to quit because he

had never been entrusted with

powers that would ensure a coh-

has carried responsibility for Fra-

nce's massive trade deficit, reg-

arded by the administration as the

country's principal economic

weakness, along with an inflation

The new cabinet is expected to

be announced along with a pac-

kage of austerity measures aimed

at curbing demand for imports and

dampening inflation without dri-

ving unemployment up from its

relatively low two million mark.

Mr. Jobert, known for out-

spokenness and acid humour, had

As trade minister, Mr. Jobert

erent and effective policy.

rate of over nine per cent.

nge of prime minister.

Arab countries have long endorsed the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian peo-

ple and the right to establish an

independent Palestinian state.

Foreign Minister Marwan Al

Qasem outlined to reporters in

Beirut last month three Jordanian

conditions to join the peace pro-

cess. These were an Israeli agr-

eement to withdraw from Leb-

anon and to freeze the building of

Jewish settlements in the West

Bank and an active Palestinian

Abu Jihad also emphasised the

need to cement and strengthen

Arab unity and said the PLO is

doing its utmost to close Arab

Abu Jihad said the PLO is det-

ermined to continue armed str-

uggle against Israel in all Israeli-

occupied territories, including

Lebanon, "The latest wave of att-

acks against Israeli army units and

targets is part of an escalated drive

to resist the enemy," he said. "I

am announcing to you an open

Palestinian territories and in Leb-

anon." he told the Jordan Times at

Abu Jihad said negotiations

emational Red Cross and Aus-

trian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky,

on exchanging prisoners of war

have been bogged down by Israeli

intransigence over supplying a list

of those Pelestinian prisoners

whom the Israelis transferred

from Al Ansar camp in Lebanon

to unknown jails elsewhere.

his Amman residence.

participation in any peace talks.

The Portuguese president added that his country supported the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and the right to

a homeland. Sitting at his side, Mr. Mubarak blamed Israel for the failure of negotiations on Palestinian self-

often used strong language to

denounce the deficit and express a

feeling of frustration over his dut-

the 43-strong cabinet, he sym-

bolised a centrist sector of French

political life outside the orbit of

He formed his own grouping, the Movement of Democrats, in

1974 after serving as foreign min-

ister under the late President Geo-

rges Pompidou and later sup-

ported Mr. Mitterrand's socialists.

silent Sunday on Mr. Jobert's res-

ignation or any other impending

moves. These could include the

replacement of Prime Minister

Pierre Mauroy, who flew back to

Paris ahead of schedule from Lille.

The president's office remained

One of five ministers of state in

#### EMS crisis talks break off temporarily BRUSSELS (R) — European Economic Community finance ministers Sunday temporarily broke off crisis talks on the European Monetary System (EMS). throwing the future of the four-

year-old joint currency float into

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said official foreign exchange trading in the eight currencies of the EMS exchange rate mechanism would be suspended to avoid chaos on the markets when the meeting resumed early Monday.

conference that two days of intensive bargaining between the 10 finance ministers had failed to find a formula for a reshuffle of EMS currencies which would end the

hange markets.

The talks, marred by sharp dif-

The West German minister had

Mr. Stoltenberg told a news The West German minister said

recent turmoil on foreign exc-

ferences between Paris and Bonn, centred on an upward shift in the powerful West German mark and devaluations of the French francand other weak currencies, diplomats said.

proposed a compromise accordinvolving a revaluation of around five per cent of the mark and a devaluation of the French franc of two to 2.5 per cent coupled with moves of several other currencies.

that some governments had accepted the compromise but others had not been able to do so without full consultations with their gov-

Mr. Stoltenberg said he was hopeful that agreement could be reached on that basis Monday.

The compromise has not yet been accepted by everyone. But that is not the same as saying it is unacceptable," he said.

French Finance Minister Jacques Delors, who Saturday thrcatened to pull France out of the system if a settlement was not reathed said he was returning to Paris for talks with President Francois Mitterrand.

He declined to say why ministers had failed to reach an accord-

European exchange markets to close today, page 7.

### Soviet move towards friendship treaty with Libya -- new strategy in Mideast

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet Union has signalled a new move in the Middle East by announcing it has agreed to sign a friendship treaty with Libya, the United States' most bitter foe in the region.

The surprise announcement came in a communique after a visit by Abdul Salam Jalloud, righthand man to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi.

A friendship treaty with Libya would be the fourth such document in force with a Middle East country. Earlier treaties were signed with Iraq and South Yemen and more recently with Syria in

In the early 1970s Moscow also signed friendship treaties with Egypt and Somalia but relations subsequently deteriorated and the governments in Cairo and Mogadishu revoked them.

By announcing in advance that agreement to sign a treaty had been reached in principle, the Soviet Union broke with its usual practice of keeping such documents secret until the day of signing. It appeared likely that further

held on the wording of the treaty and the degree of Soviet commitment to Libya would depend on how it was eventually phrased.

Soviet friendship treaties with close allies in the Warsaw Pact provide for mutual assistance in case of attack and the treaty with Afghanistan, signed in 1978, committed Moscow to take "appropriate measures to maintain its partner's security.

In the Middle East Moscow has been more cautious of making open-ended commitments, and its treaty with Syria commits the Kremlin only to holding consultations if Syria is threatened.

In the past Col. Qadhafi has threatened publicly to align himself with Moscow if threatened by

the United States. In 1981, after the United States

the Gulf of Sirte, he threatened that Libya would line up with "our enemy's enemy."

Maj. Jalloud's visit to Moscow. where he held talks with Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov,

negotiations would have to be followed a more recent bout of tension with Washington, this time over reports of a Libyan threat to Sudan.

Libya in 1981 signed friendship treaties with Soviet allies Ethiopia and South Yemen. It has also been a major customer for Soviet arms and has developed its economic relations with Moscow.

TASS news agency reported this week that Soviet-Libyan trade jumped to 1.347 million roubles (SL 870 million) in 1982 from 551 million roubles (\$765 million) the previous year.

Libya is among the Arab states most bitterly opposed to all cooperation with the United States in seeking a settlement in the Middle

East. The communique sharply attacked Washington but indicated that Libya and the Soviet Union shot down two Libyan planes over - were still divided on their attitude

to the Arah peace plan approved



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# L'Oglala Sioux chief seeks independence

By Michele Abruzzi Retuer

NEW YORK - A leader of the tory United States' most militant American Indian group no longer Nav wants his people to reoccupy their ancestral lands -- he is calling for 1 declaration of independence.

"We're gonna be a nation, man. we're gonna be a nation," said Russell Means, 43, who has announced his candidacy for the presidency of the Oglala Sioux on a platform of secession from the United States.

Mr. Means, a leader of the American Indian Movement (AIM), was one of the organisers of the 1973 occupation of Wounded Knee, a South Dakota village where the U.S. cavalry massacred 300 Sioux in 1890.

The 71-day siege focused world attention on the plight of American Indians but ended with two deaths and made Mr. Means the object of lasting official suspicion.

The country's best-known militant champion of his people's rights, he has since served a jail term for riot and has survived several attempts on his life.

The primary is not until next January, with the election five weeks later, and no other candidates have declared so far. But the current president. Joe American Horse, said he would decide soon whether to seek reelection and up to a dozen other hopefuls may emerce.

Irrespective of who runs against me. I'm running against the United States of America." said Mr. Means, six feet two inches (1.88 metres) tall, with long black hair, several rings and a bandana tied around his forehead. "We're tired of giving the United States a chance to be civilised."

President American Horse's executive director. Robert Fast Horse, a lawyer who grew up on the Oglala Sioux reservation in South Dakota, said of Mr. Means: 'We welcome his candidacy. I'm sure he's going to be a colourful candidate.

But he called independence "an 18th century concept... we have to learn to get along in 1983, to account for cultural influence and deal with the sophisticated ideas of the 80s."

But Mr. Means, interviewed here recently, said South Dakota's "frontier mentality" created repression that reminded him of South Africa

South Dakota," he said, "They see us as a threat."

What is an Indian? If John Wayne didn't kill us all off. That raping, pillaging savage? Or that costumed Indian selling popcorn on the side of the road?"

The 4.500-square-mile (12,000 square kilometres) Pine Ridge Reservation in Southwestern South Dakota, where 18,000 Ogl-sought a land settlement. alas live, is one of the poorest areas in the country. Unemployment is 72 per cent, according to President American Horse.

Seizure of Black Hills

The U.S. government signed the Fort Laramie Treaty with the Sioux in 1868 but according to Mr.

"They still hunt Indians in Means has since stolen 98 per cent of the land promised to them, including the sacred Black Hills. known as the Paha Sapa.

> The U.S. Supreme Court last year approved payment of more than \$100 million to the eight Sioux tribes as compensation for the seizure of the Black Hills. But part of the Sioux nation, including the Oglalas, rejected cash and

> "We are withdrawing the right of the United States of America to have jurisdiction over our land based upon their constitutional law and international law." Mr. Means said.

We will give the United States six months or until the end of the fiscal year to get out. Then we'll close the borders.

Despite the poverty on Pine how the new nation would surive. osing violent revolution.

"We'll be self-sufficient. Everyone will have a job if they so desire," he said.

He said it would use U.S. currency to avoid economic attack by the United States. It would have its own businesses, education and power but no industry that harms, exploits or manipulates our mother (the earth)."

Asked what he thought the U.S. government would do if he were elected and carried out the secession, Mr. Means said: "we hope and pray the United States will act in a civilised way."

He continued: "We're faced Ridge, where Mr. Means was with the same situation as any born, he seemed confident about emerging nation. We're not cho-

> "If the United States chooses to squash us, there's nothing we can do. If (it) attacks before the eyes of the world our defenceless, una-

rmed people, who will have maybe a few shotguns... it will be proof that there isn't any difference between the United States and the Soviets in Afghanistan."

If elected, he said, he would remain as president only long enough for the Oglala Sioux to achieve independence and then would allow them to choose whatever government they wanted.

it is too early in the campaign to assess Mr. Means' chances of being elected against President American Horse, who said he saw his position as similar to that of town mayor and his goals as reducing unemployment and running an honest government.

But Mr. Means said the Wounded Knee occupation and been the beginning of decolonisation. for the Oglala Sioux. -

"Wounded Knee was the beginning of a reaffirmation of our nationhood," he said.

"Short of being thrown in jail or assassinated, or a crooked election. I'm going to win," he said. We're going to retake our eightiul place among the family of . nations."

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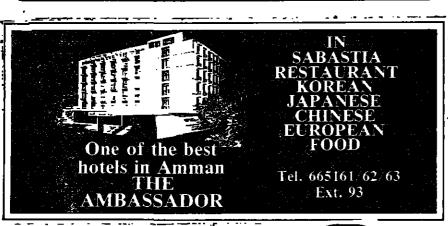
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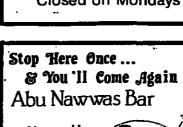
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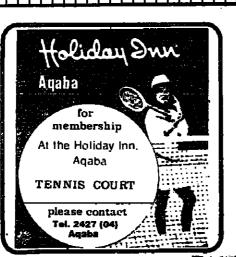
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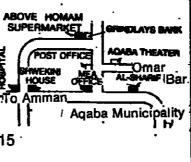
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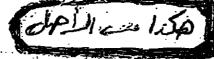


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# Jordanian-Romanian committee starts talks

AMMAN (Petra) - The joint Jordanian-Romanian cooperation committee opened talks at the National Planning Council here Sunday to discuss bilateral cooperation in cultural, economic. scientific and technical fields.

The committee reviewed the progress made in Jordanian development projects being imp-lemented with Romanian assistance in accordance with a protocol on cooperation signed bet-ween the two sides in 1981.

#### Moroccan team visits Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation representing deans from universities in Morocco arrived in Amman Sunday for a three-day visit to Jordan.

During the visit, the delegation members will meet University of Jordan's President Abdul Salam Al Majali to discuss ways of bolstering scientific and cultural cooperation between the University of Jordan and its Moroccan counterparts. The delegation is also due to pay a visit to Yarmouk

University near Irbid. The delegation includes the dean of Shari'a (Islamic law) College at Aghadir, the dean of the Faculty of Arts at Wajdeh University and the administration director at the Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education.

Also discussed were aspects of existing cooperation in trade, cultural and scientific affairs as well as plans for further cooperation in the future.

The Jordanian side was led by National Planning Council President Hanna Odeh while the Romanian side was led by their Minister of Constructions Abroad Ion Stanescu.

Mr. Stanescu and his team arrived here Friday and are due to leave Wednesday.

#### Dudin confers with FAO representative

AMMAN (Petra) — Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin conferred in his office Sunday with the Assistant Director-General of the U.N. Food and Agricultural Org-anisation's (FAO) regional office Salah Jum'aa.

They discussed a number of agricultural projects, including one for developing land receiving regular rainfall and another for utilising the high regions of the country, which the FAO is helping to implement.

Mr. Jum'aa arrived in Amman Thursday for an official visit and talks with Mr. Dudin and other senior Jordanian officials.

#### **Duke, Duchess** of Kent arrive today

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Duke and Duchess of Kent are due here Monday for a five-day private visit to Jordan at the invitation of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent.

They will meet a number of Jordanian officials, and will be shown the country's development in cultural and social fields.

The Duke and Duchess, who also came here in 1976, will visit among other places, the Jordan Valley and archaeological and tourist attractions in the country.

#### Children's show celebrates Mothers' Day

AMMAN (Petra) — A variety show was presented at the Palace of Culture Sunday evening by school children to celebrate both Mothers' Day and the Battle of Karameh Day.

The children, from schools in Ashrafieh, Mahatta, Madaba and Zarqa presented plays, folk dances and national songs to an audience which included Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal, officials



Prime Minister Mudar Badran (right) confers with the Chairman of Spain's Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Alvaro Lacalle Lellup (second from right) Sunday

who is beading a Spanish military delegation to Jordan (Petra photo)

# Badran, Lellup hold discussions

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran conferred in his office Sunday with a visiting Spanish military delegation led by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Alvaro de Lacalle Lellup.

The meeting, at the Prime/Minister's office, was attended by Armed Forces Commanderin-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Spanish Ambassador

to Jordan Don Luis de Pedroso. The delegation leader, his wife and the accompanying delegation paid a visit to the King Hussein Medical Centre later and were briefed both on the services it offers and the development of its various sections. The visitors, who toured the hospital buildings, watched open-heart surgery in one of the theatres. The delegation was accompanied by a number of senior Jordanian army officers.

The delegation members then paid a visit to the Royal Military Academy and were briefed on its developments and programmes. They toured the academy's departments and were briefed on its training programmes.

# Medical faculty to house regional unit for deaf

AMMAN (Petra) - The prospect of transforming part of the University of Jordan's medical faculty into a regional unit for the care of deaf people was discussed here Sunday between a visiting delegation from the international organisation for the care of the deaf and the University President Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali.

During the meeting. Dr. Majali briefed the visitors on medical education at the university and the development of the faculty of

The delegation, which arrived here Saturday evening, is on a week-long visit during which its members will tour the faculties of pharmacy, nursing and medicine to study the possibility of est-

The delegation will also meet officials from the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health. Yarmouk University, paramedical institutions, the Princess Muna Nursing School and the Royal Medical Services.

#### Irbid burglar apprehended

IRBID (Petra) - A burglar, who stole JD 7,500 in cash, was apprehended within hours of committing his crime in Irbid, according to the police department

It said that the man, identified only as A.N.M. Friday broke into a house in Ai Bariha District.

He climbed the house's outer wall and forced the door, before stealing the money from a cupboard while the owners were

When apprehended, the burglar admitted to stealing the money which he handed over to the pol-

# Hassan to give opening speech at university's 2-day cultural season

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal form of gifts from the King Saud Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Monday will deliver a speech opening the University of Jordan's cultural season,

Several lecturers will take part in the two-day season, during which a number of research papers in humanities will be pre-

Meanwhile, a university spokesman said Sunday that the university library last month added 342 Arabic and foreign books to its collection. These came in the

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University in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait University and the Library of Congress in Washington as well as other institutions. The spokesman also said that

the library last month presented a total of 403 books in Arabic and other foreign languages to the National South Korean Library, the Arab-Spanish Institute's library. Umm Al Qura University at Mecca, the Islamic University in Gaza and the Arab Society Community College in Jordan.



'Kingdom of Jordan's pavilion at the Berlin tourism exhibition which ended March 12th (Jordan

#### Bahri receives Berlin tourist film prize

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Bronze Compass Award, won by the Jordanian entry in the International Tourism Film Competition (PRIX 83), was presented to a representative from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities Mr. Abdul Rahim Al Bahri at a special ceremony held in Berlin.

The entry "Jordan-Land of Heritage", which was produced by Marilyn Perry Productions Inc. N.Y., received the award at a special celebration staged by the Intemational Tourism Borse (ITB) in the first week of March 1983. Mr. Bahri, who is the Ministry of Tourism's marketing director, said that 14 nations participated in

the competition. It was the second award that this film had received, the first being in 1982 when the Cine Golden Eagle

Certificate was awarded at the annual awards ceremonies in Washington, USA.

Jordan, Mr. Bahri said, participated in Berlin's tourism exhibition from March 4 to 12, the Jordanian pavilion being visited by thousands of people. On display were enlarged photos of tourist and archaeological sites in Jordan and material illustrating tourist services. The pavilion was mounted in cooperation with Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and Jordanian tourist and travel agencies, Mr. Bahri added.

Altogether 144 countries, including 10 Arab states, participated in the exhibition and were represented by 79,000 delegates employed in the tourist bus-

On the outcome of Jordan's participation in Berlin's tourism exhibition Mr. Bahri said that several tourist companies have expressed a desire to enter Jordan's tourist market. Representatives of three of these companies will arrive in Jordan in the next two months to draw up final arrangements for placing Jordan on their 1983-84 tourism programmes, Mr. Bahri added.

Meanwhile two Jordanians representing the private sector, Sa'id Sawalha manager of the Regency Palace Hotel in Amman and Nicbola Sabanech director of the Jordanian Tourism Company, received the "Golden Helm" medal from the ITB in recognition of their efforts to develop tourist services, Mr. Bahri said.

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#### DE FACTONOMICS

# New trends in Arab economic integration

Most Arab countries have by now realised that Arab over-all unity, particularly political unity, is not as easily attainable as many intellectuals of the fifties thought. The appeal of national states is dominating and the dividing forces are with success being manipulated by

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A hopeful sign

IT IS clear from what Abu Jihad says in his interview with the

Jordan Times today that the Palestinians are not divided over the basic issue that faces them at this critical stage. If an avenue 's open for peace based upon meeting the legitimate Palestinian rights to self-determination and statehood, the Palestine Lib-

eration Organisation (PLO) leadership is free to take it. If.

however, there is no or little hope of achieving a just and lasting

settlement through peaceful means, not only the PLO but all

Arabs should struggle to strengthen themselves and their pos-

ition, any way they see fit, to confront any danger and those

The PLO, Abu Jihad indicates, is not in principle against

American or any other mediation in the Middle East. But he

rightly points out that unless the U.S. takes practical measures

to make up for its lost credibility and moves fast to convince

Palestinians and Arabs of its good intentions, there is no point

It is only fair and legitimate for Palestinians to demand

guarantees that will ensure their survival and rights but unlike

those given by the Americans before the PLO's departure from

and united Arab rosition with which to face war or peace,

superpowers or the United Nations. And it is most important to

be aware and knowing of available options before hasty dec-

In his interview today, Abu Jihad tells us a lot about Pal-

estinian thinking on the issues facing the Palestinian people and

Arabs, and does not seem to hide the fact that the situation is

indeed difficult and needs a lot of hard work and perseverance.

possible through joint Arab action and through continuing

close and realistic Palestinian-Jordanian cooperation und-

oubtedly remains the most encouraging sign for a better future.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

At his press conference in London, His Majesty King Hussein said that the peace process in the Middle East is undergoing a crucial stage

-- The Israeli practices against the occupied Arab territories and their people have been noticeably intensified since the proclamation of President Reagan's initiative for the Middle East, while the gen-

uine American effort to realise its objectives have continued at a

-- The portrayal of the peace process in the region as a bilateral agreement between Jordan and Israel has distorted the very essence

of the desired peace which should be just and comprehensive, taking the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people into account. - The peace efforts are meaningless unless Israel joins in while, Israel for its part has invariably expressed a negative attitude both

Jordan in fact bears no responsibility for the faltering peace efforts.

it being paradoxical that Jordan should be urged to join the drive for peace while it is Israel that is making peace an impossibility by its annexationist and settlement policy. The time factor has been str-

essed by the U.S. administration, but unless time is made use of by

the only party with leverage, that is the U.S., all talk about progress

The press conference His Majesty King Hussein held in London

Saturday, concluding the visit by the Arab League seven-member

committee to the British capital, clarified the dangerous situation in

irresponsibly trying to force its own interest on the international

community in blatant violation of all conventions and laws, not to

mention the U.N. resolutions. The Israeli invasion of Lebanon was

reinforced by an open rejection of U.S. peace proposals, while every

sign of advancement towards a just peaceful settlement of the Arab-

Israeli conflict is immediately rebuffed by Israel in a drive to thrust a

The King has reiterated Jordan's continued peace activity, and has

expressed his appreciation of the positive aspects in President Rea-

gan's peace initiative. He also clarified the Arab peace plan adopted

by the Fez summit, and explained the Egypt's return to Arab ranks is

foreseeable in the near future. It is now the U.S., turn to show its

ability, not just intentions, to promote peace by pressuring Israel into

abandoning its aggressive policies, and annexationist claims to Arab

Sawt Al Shaab: Hussein urges U.S. action

His Majesty King Hussein outlined the Jordanian and Arab's per-

ception of peace prospects in the Middle East at his press conference

in London Saturday. The situation in the area does not seem com-

forting as Israel continues to pursue an aggressive attitude towards

The King urged the U.S. administration to exert real pressure on

Israel to make it respond positively to peace moves. A more effective

U.S. stand towards Israel's settlement policies in the occupied Arub

territories, and an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon are necessary to

position in relation to the peace process, and is the outcome of years

of shared sufferings, sacrifices and hopes for a mutually prosperous

The Arab's peaceful aspirations have been fully expressed in the

King's London press conference, and the world has been once again

reminded of their responsibilities towards Mideast peace; the U.S.

The Jordanian-Palestinian drive is an essential part of Jordan's

the Arabs, and counters every peace effort in the region.

improve America's credibility in the Arab World.

future, the King pointed out.

Israel has not stopped at occupying the West Bank and Gaza, but has further intensified its aggression by invading Lebanon. It is now

towards Lebanon and the occupied Arab territories.

towards a peaceful settlement will prove fruitless.

Al Dustour: U.S. turn to be positive

the Middle East, and the threat it poses to world peace.

fait accompli on the Arabs and world public opinion.

Al Ra'i: Israel not Jordan delays peace

His hope and belief, however, that making steady progress is

It is also fair and necessary to demand and work for a strong

in trusting anybody's fate to the Washington politicians.

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foreign and regional powers. However, attempts to achieve Arab economic integration have persisted as an objective of the Arab League system and as a kind of regional self-defence. The Arab Economic Unity Agreement was concluded in 1957, the same year as the Treaty of Rome was ratified by some European countries. The Arab common market was established in 1963. The success of Arab integration under these instruments was quite limited, and

Its emphasis on trade liberalisation was a blind imitation of the European experience. There was very little to trade in among Arab countries. since their trade was concentrated on the industrialised

A better approach to achieve Arab economic integration was imitated in the seventies, namely the joint financing of Arab investment projects in mining, agriculture, transportation. animal husbandry and other fields. There are about twenty-five projects of this type with varied degree of success. In general, more progress has been achieved through joint investments as compared to trade.

Recently, new trends in Arab economic integration have been observed. These trends include partial int-

egration, labour flows and regional infrastructural projects. They will have an impact on the economic prospects of the Arab World through the eig-

Partial economic integration refers to the emergence of four Arab economic blocs, namely, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the three Maghreb countries, the Nile sub-region and the "fertile crescent" countries. Integration within these groupings are not equally advanced, but there are factors strong enough to lead to such development. Geographic proximity is one factor which helps in facilitating the movement of labour, trade and other transactions. Regional

security is another. Movements towards partial integration have been quite noticeable since the creation of

the GCC in 1981. Due to the splitting role which Syria presently plays, the fertile crescent sub-region is not pursuing partial integration. Instead. bilateral cooperation between Jordan and Iraq has been considerably enhanced. More time is needed to achieve wider

cooperation in this group. In the meantime, Jordan plays a unifying role through the establishment of bilateral projects particularly in road transportation and industry. Joint companies in these two fields are now operating with correspondingly, Syria and

Partial integration does not necessarily contradict pan-Arabism if it were properly managed and guided. It could, on the other hand, be a necessary requirement for such over-all integration.

labour has so far depended on market forces which have been stronger and more efficient than formal arrangements. About five million Arab workers are currently working in an Arab country other than their own. The eleventh Arab' Labour Conference which last week concluded in Amman took a number of resolutions with the aim to facilitating labour flows among Arab countries. They include the functioning of the Arab Employment Corporation, the drafting of an Arab charter on labour flows and the encouragement of bilateral labour

The cooperation concerning

agreements. Joint projects in infrastructure are as crucial to economic integration as other areas of trade, investment, labour and policy coordination.

They are also varied, they cover many sectors but are at the same time quite costly. On the other hand, they have postive technical side effects and their impacts is widespread ...

By T.A. Jaber

Thus, inter-country made should be expanded and marntained. The same applies to telecommunications, ports, picelines regional water projects, electricity and tourism. However, efforts in this direction should not be left to evolve on their own. The Council of Arab Economic Unity needs to promote regional conperation in infrastructural pro-

Economic integration is a dynamic process and Arab attempts in this field should always be tackled with a fresh look and the perspective set on the

# U.S. taxpayers subsidise Israeli settlements

The following article by James McCartney first appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on March

was in certain cases reversed.

U.S. taxpayers are helping to subsidise the building of Israeli settlements in Arab territory, despite President Reagan's strong public opposition to those settlements. an extensive series of interviews with Middle East experts have

Indeed, the settlements programme would probably be impossible in the absence of the U.S.

subsidies, the interviews show. Based on their research. Middle East experts employed by the government and private research organisations have concluded that indirect subsidies to the Israeli building projects have totalled an estimated \$1.5 billion over the last

decade. The precise amount of the subsidies is impossible to ascertain because of the complexity of monetary practices involved, secrecy imposed by the Israeli gov-

ernment and the indirect nature of the American financial assistance. The situation highlights a pro-

found contradiction in U.S. policy:
While the United States makes the settlements possible, top administration officials -- including the president and Secretary of State George Shultz -- are insisting that for real peace to come to the Middle East, Israel must

stop building the settlements. In his landmark speech on Middle East policy on Sept. 1, Reagan called for immediate adoption of a settlement freeze by Israel. "More than any other action," he said. this would help to bring Arab par-

ticipation in peace talks. "Further settlement activity is in no way necessary for the sec-

urity of Israel." Middle East experts, including government officials, scholars and former diplomats, say there are two principal methods of sub-

sidising the settlements:
-- U.S. foreign aid to support the Israeli economy, thus freeing Israeli money to make the settlements programme possible. -- U.S. tax benefits for private

contributors to Israel, whose don-

ations finance the Jewish agency and other Zionist organisations. These groups, in turn, provide major economic support for the building of settlements. U.S. government economic support of Israel is considered the most significant subsidy that cou-

ntry receives. That aid has reached such proportions that the Israeli government could not finance the settlements without it. "In effect, we indirectly support the settlements programme by the sheer volume of our aid," said Professor Seth Tillman, of Georgetown University, a Middle East

staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Since Reagan last September called for a halt to the further construction of settlements, the Isr-

aeli government has announced

expert who used to serve on the

plans for more than 60 new set-

tlements. There now are about 27,000 Israeli settlers on the West Bank of the Jordan River. According to official estimates the government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin plans to add 12,000 to 15,000 settlers a year, for an eve-

ntual total of about 320,000. The current level of U.S. direct economic support to Israel is \$785 million a year. Although the Israelis do not disclose the annual cost of the settlements, American experts estimate that at least \$200 million to \$300 million is spent each year by the Israeli gov-

ernment on them. But even if a conservative estimate of \$150 million were used as the annual cost of the settlements programme for the last decade. the total would still come to \$1.5

Professor Thomas Stauffer, a long-time student of the Israeli economy who is on leave from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says that direct American economic aid is so important to the Israeli economy that the Israeli government would default on its debt to the United States without it. In effect, the United States is propping up Israel's eco-

domy with cash. "Israel is now protected from default on its debt to the United States only by the annual cash grants and new loans from the United States government." Stauffer wrote in a study published recently by the Middle East Ins-

titute here. The importance of this money to the settlements programme was conceded recently by Nicholas Veliotes, assistant secretary of the state for the Middle East, in testimony to the house Middle East subcommittee of the foreign aff-

airs committee. Rep. Mervyn M. Dymaily (D., Calif.) asked Veliotes: "Can we not assume that by giving (Israel) so much aid, their money is freed up to continue settlements on the West Bank and in the Gaza

Strip?" "In the sense that money is fun-gible, yes, that is true," Veliotes

replied. "Fungible" is a term used by economists and bankers to describe the interchangeability of money. That is, any amount of money can be put into a pool with other funds, and when a like amount later withdrawn, the specific source of the withdrawn funds

cannot be traced. "The "fungibility" of money, the experts agree, makes it possible for Israel to finance settlements with American help without absolute proof of the source. In fact, it makes it possible for both sides to deny that direct support exists.

But the system is well understood by American officials, diplomats and scholars who have studied the settlements programme. Said another State Department Middle East expert, who asked

not to be identified: "The arg-

ument can be made that when we make resources available to support a programme it frees the Israelis to provide funds for set-

"What it means is that they ve got \$785 million they can spend any way they want." Others who have come to the

same conclusion represent wid-

espread differences in background and ideology, they include: -- Philip M. Klutznick, an American Jewish activist in creating the state of Israel and who later bec-

ame President Jimmy Carter's Secretary of Commerce. Sally and Thomas Mallison of George Washington University's international and comparative law programme who are among the

nation's leading experts on Israeli settlements. -- David Saad, executive director of the National Association of

Arab Americans.

"There is no question about it," Saad said recently in an interview. "Without the financial support of the United States there is no way Israel could finance the set-

tlements programme." The second major way in which the United States helps support the Israeli settlements programme is through statutes that allow tax deductions for private con-

tributions to Israel.

Well-established pattern The pattern is relatively well

Grenada leans

increasingly

By George Worme

Reuter

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada - A

white Mercedes occupied by burly

Soviet diplomat Genadiy Saz-

henev has become a familiar sight

on the dustry roads of this tiny

Caribbean island. Mr. Sazhenev is

the first Soviet ambassador ever to

set up a diplomatic mission in

Grenada, and his presence sym-

bolises the island's dramatic turn

has steadily increased. The isl-

anders' main source of int-

emational news now comes from

established.

Contributions to organisations such as the United Jewish Appeal are tax deductible under U.S. taxlaws and Israel is the primary bea-

eliciary. "There is no other country that benefits from these tax write-offs to the extent that Israel does," said an administration Middle

East expert. Private money gathered in the United States is channelled to such organisations as the Jewish Agency which has headquarters in-Jerusalem and has historically played a major role in the development of Israeli scalements. It is a major operating arm of the World Zionist Organisation.

The question of the fungibility also arises in this situation because the Jewish Agency does many other things besides promoting Israeli settlements. For example, it teaches Soviet immigrants hore

to adopt to Israeli society. ::... As Klutznick put it: "There is a commingling of funds that makes it difficult to know exactly where

money comes from." A spokesman for the lewish Agency in New York said the agency did not spend tax-deductible American contributions on settlements outside the pre-1967 (sr-

aeli borders. Middle East scholars, however. including U.S. government officials who asked not to be identified, say that because the money is interchangeable these contributions undoubtedly help to make the settlements programme

possible.

# Reagany Peace Plan

# Many American farmers are paid not to produce this year

By Andrew Stern Reuser

CHICAGO - Large numbers of American farmers, facing a drop in income after two years of record grain harvests, are accepting the government's offer to pay them for not producing this year. In IIIinois alone, one expert predicted that the area given over to corn (maize) may be cut by as much as 25 per cent if large numbers of farmers, suffering a drop in income because of lower grain prices.

take up the offer. The "payment in kind" programme allows farmers to be reimbursed in government-held surplus crops for fields taken out of production. If the reduced production stimulates higher prices, the surplus crops which the farmers receive will ultimately be worth more money. The programme has already had its impact on the Chicago grains futures markets. Analysts estimate that an upward trend in corn futures prices reflects a belief that this year's crop forecaster, said this week's corn harvest will come from six million fewer hectares.

Some traders believe the area of

land lying idle could be as high as

eight million hectares. Last year hour rush. Under the legislation, 30 million hectares of com were

harvested. Grain traders and farming experts say the impact of the programme on this year's harvest will not be known until after the Agricultural Stabilisation and Conservation Service ((ASCS) releases the numbers of those who have signed up for it, expected later this month.

No hard information has been available on the extent of participation in the payment properiod because the government wanted farmers to make up their million heactares of wheat minds based on their own situations -- not on what their neighbours were doing. The only word that has leaked from ASCS offices is that farmers who signed up earlier in the year have not backed out and that there has been a last-minute surge in signatures before the March 11 dea-

Conrad Leslie, a leading private

congressional approval of, and

President Reagan's plan to sign,

tax legislation affecting the pro-

gramme prompted an eleventh-

dline, trade sources said.

grains paid to farmers will be taxed only when the farmers eventually sell them. The National Grain and Feed

Association said its studies show the greatest amount of participation in the programme will be in the prime grain-producing central plains and corn belt states. Randal Gordon, information director for the association, said private figures point to a higher participation in the programme than in February when it was estimated gramme during the signing-up farmers intended to plant 28 million heactares of corn and 32,3

> Thomas Hieronymus, an extension agronomist at the University of Illinois, said it is possible there will be a 25 per cent reduction in corn plantings in the state. He said soft wheat farmers in the midwest, however, may not be as anxious to participate in the programme since their crops were already planted. Dennis Henderson, a farm eco-

nomist at Ohio state University,

said he was surprised by the ent-

husiasm with which Ohio farmers

are greeting the programme. He

said one factor may be that many

Obio farmers have suffered financial setbacks in recent years and yields have been more variable than in other states.

economist at the University of Nebraska, said he expects the greatest participation in his state in the central and eastern corn producing regions -- as opposed to western Nebraska where corn is primarily raised to feed livestock. Donald Adams, an agronomist at the University of Arkansas, said the programme presents a dilemma for southern soft wheat farmers who have also planted soyabeans in the same fields. Soyabeans are not covered by the payment-in-kind programme and many farmers may be reluctant to plow under their winter wheat and at the same time destroy their bean plantings.

Analysts said one significant factor affecting the numbers signing up will be how much the individual farmer is in debt. Bankers have been pushing farmers to get into the programme in cases where they have not done well in recent years and have not repaid bank loans, they said.

The 115,000 people of Grenada had rarely seen a Russian until four years ago when Maurice Bishop's leftist New Jewel Movement ousted Prime Minister Eric' Gairy's right-wing government. Since then the Soviet presence on this 344 square kilometre island

Daniel Hanway, chief farm the Soviet TASS news agency while Cuba has become its principal source of aid. The pro-Cuban New Jewel Movement's friendly relations with Eastern bloc countries have led to an almost complete severance of ties with the West and provoked fears in Washington that the island could be used as a launching pad for alleged Communist ambitions in Central Ame-President Reagan told East Caribbean leaders last April that their neighbour Grenada was following

Cuba's example and would try to. spread the virus" of Marxism throughout the region. Speaking during a five-day tour of the Caribbean, he said his plan for economic development of the region, worth around \$350 million, offered a better way and urged them : not to let their ties with the United States be weakened.

towards Moscow engthen the region against subversion. Grenada, a member-of the Non-Aligned Movement, has repeatedly denied press reports that the Soviet Union was constructing a naval base on the isiand. But there is no doubt that since the arrival of Mr. Bishop's distinctive left-wing regime Moscow has developed a strong int-

erest in this spice island of the Car-Within months of the coup, diplomatic relations were established and soon afterwards the newprime minister and his Minister of Finance and Trade, Bernard

Coard, flew to the Soviet Union: Last year Mr. Bishop led another delegation to Moscow where a substantial economic and political agreement was signed. The Caribbean prime minister said this

would reduce the island's dependence on the West. Under the agreement, the Soviet Union would extend 5 nine million in aid to Grenada, 7.5 million of which was earmarked for the construction of a satellite earth station. The remainder would be used for technical assistance and development research pro-

Studies would be conducted in oil exploration, water conservation, irrigation, the manufacture of a cement plant and the feasibility of building a harbouron the east coast, according to government officials: The Soviet Union also offered a:

grammes.

gift of \$1.5 million to allow Grenada to buy Soviet-steel, flour and light aircraft for spraying crops, the officials said. On his return from Moscow Mr. Bishop said such agreements would help "disengage Grenada from the world. system of imperialism" and cottnter Washington's "aggressive The Reagan administration beland intimidating behaviour in the ieves the programme will help strand Caribbean region

# PLO deputy commander outlines current position in search for peace

# Abu Jihad: Jordan-PLO links are essential

By Lamis Andoni Soccial to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Resolutions adopted by the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Algiers last month have left the door wide open for the Palestinian leadership to continue joint political moves with Jordan and the Arab World towards achieving a just and lasting settlement to the Palestine problem, a senior Palestinian leader said Sunday..

Khalii Al Wazir, the deputy commander of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) forces said that "the 16th session of the PNC supported the ongoing talks between the PLO and Jordan and stressed the importance of strengthening mutual understanding and trust."

Mr. Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, said there was consensus among all Palestinian factions within the PLO that relations with Jordan were "special" and that Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation constitutes a solid basis for any Arab political move towards realising a comprehensive solution to the Middle East con-

Resolutions endorsed by the PNC, the equivalent of a Palestinian parliament in exile, last February emphasised "the special relations" between the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples and accepted a future Jordanian-Palestinian confederation after the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Asked how the PLO defines "the special relation" with Jordan. the Palestinian leader said: "The Jordanian and Palestinian peoples have strong historical and brotherly ties and consequently their relationship is distinguished and special. This relationship is enhanced by the two peoples' joint commitment to liberate the occupied Arab land. And this joint commitment to achieve our national goals is the basis of the current discussions between the PLO and Jordan".

Aba Jihad is currently in Amman to participate in the sessions of the Higher Jordanian-Palestinian Joint Committee for the Support of the Steadfastness of Palestinians in the Occupied Territories. The committee is made up of senior PLO and Jordanian government officials and is in charge of rendering linancial and moral support to the people in the West Bank and Gaza.

Abu Jihad stressed that the PLO is determined to explore all avenues leading to a Middle East peaceful settlement based upon meeting the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

He outlined the PLO's position on the current search for peace in the area. "Our political moves and position on peace initiatives are determined by three measures. he said. "First, guarantees offered to the Palestinian people that ensure the achievement of our national goals including our right to establish an independent Palestinian state. Second. political moves that stem from a united and

position. Arab And third, practical American steps that would restore American credibility and that would make the Arabs trust U.S. intentions in any peace effort."

The Palestinian people's legitimate right to statehood and self-determination is a central issue in the Palestinian struggle. he said.

PLO officials and statements have repeatedly stated their rejection of any peace settlement that denies the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to selfdetermination and statehood. Any political move by the PLO to achieve our national goals of freeing the occupied land and to establish an independent Palestinian state should depend on a strong and a united Arab position". Abu Jihad explained.

#### Consensus is top priority

"Entering the peace process without the support of a united is like going into a quagmire. and it will only lead to concessions from the Arab side," he said. 'Consequently, the top priority for the PLO at this stage should be to exert all efforts to narrow the differences between Arab cou-

"In this context", Abu Jihad said, "we view the recent talks between Morocco and Algeria over the Western Sahara issue as a step forward in improving relations between the Arab counuries"

Relations between Algeria and Morocco were strained due to their different stands on the future of the Western Sahara. While Algiers wanted the establishment of an independent state led by the Polisario front in the Western Sahara. Rabat held that the territory, which was under Spanish colonisation. is a constituent part of Morocco. According to Abu Jihad recent talks have achieved "a substantial progress" towards. resolving the misunderstanding between the two countries.

As for the third measure that

determines the political moves of the PLO. Abu Jihad pointed out that his organisation does not trust the commitments and intentions of the U.S. administration, "We shall never forget what happened in Sabra and Shatila," he said. The Palestinian leader produced documents (see box) which indicate that, according to the PLO departure plan engineered by U.S. envoy Philip Habib last August, the organisation was given guarantees on the part of the Americans to safeguard the Palestinian

Three weeks after the PLO forces' departure from Beirut and following the assassination of Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel, armed groups entered the Sabra and Shatila refugee camps in west Beirut and slaughtered hundreds of Palestinian refugees. The findings of an Israeli commission of inquiry into the massacre-revealed last month, indicated that groups of right-wing Christian militia were the perpetrators of the massacre. The results of the inquiry led to the

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ouster of Israeli defence minister, Ariel Sharon, saying Israelis bore an indirect responsibility for the

The PLO has accused Israel of direct involvement in the massacre and severely attacked the U.S. of violating the guarantees to safeguard Palestinian civilians left in Lebanon.

#### U.S. to blame for deadlock

Abu Jihad said the current deadlock in the peace process in the Middle East stems from American inability to get the Israelis to withdraw from Lebanon and U.S. inability - or unwillingness -- to bring about an Israeli freeze on Jewish settlements in the West Bank. "The U.S. even supports such Israeli actions", Abu Jihad

'The PLO has not yet accepted the principle of negotiations," he said, "but judging from what is taking place in Lebanon, the PLO has no confidence in the U.S. ability or willingness to pressure Israel to change its obstinant pos-

Israel is trying to impose a fait accompli in Lebanon in order to achieve its "expansionist goals," Abu Jihad said, although he agreed that through impeding the negotiations in Lebanon Israel is trying to "paralyse" the U.S. administration and to prevent it from focusing on the other aspects of the Middle East problem.

Asked what he thinks about the American emphasis on the element of time, the Palestinian leader said "the U.S. administration is stressing 'the element of time' to pressure and even to blackmail the Palestinians to join the peace negotiations under American conditions." He pointed out that the PLO is opposed to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian land in part and parcel and hence the building of Israeli settlements does not change the fact that the West Bank and Gaza have been under occupation for the past 16 years.

The PLO condemns the building of Jewish settlements and warms against such dangerous actions, he said. "Nevertheless, that does not mean we are going to accept such blackmail by the Americans.

#### Jordan's conditions

Asked about the Jordanian conditions to join the peace process as laid down by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem in Beirut last month. Abu Jihad said these. conditions are indeed very important but the PLO might have other, equally important, "dimensions" to add, such as the PLO's role as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and the right to establish an independent Palestinian state. The three conditions outlined by Mr. Qasem are an Israeli troop withdrawal from Lebanon, an Israeli freeze on Jewish settlements in the West Bank and an active Palestinian participation in the peace process.

What about U.S. President Ronald Reagan's peace proposals announced last Sept. 1? The PNC resolutions strongly enticised the Reagan proposals because "they deny the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people". The resolutions, which fell short of an outright rejection of the U.S. proposals, "refused" to consider them as "a basis for a just and lasting peace" for the Middle East

conflict. However, the resolutions

prebensive Middle East settlement on Sept. 1, Jordan and the PLO have engaged in intensive talks on a proposed federation or confederation between Jordan and a freed West Bank and Gaza. In his peace initiative, the U.S. president called for an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories, with minor border adjustment, and for self-rule for the

4. Safeguards. Military forces present in Lebanon—whether Lebanese. Israeli, Syrian, Palestinian, or any other—will in no way interfere with the safe, secure, and timely departure of the PLO leadership, offices, and combatants. Law-abiding Palestinian noncombatants left behind in Beirut, including the families of those who have departed, will be subject to Lebanese laws and regulations. The Governments of Lebanon and the United States will provide appropriate guarantees of safety in the following

 The Lebanese Government will provide its guarantees on the basis of having secured assurances from armed groups with which it has been in touch.

• The United States will provide its guarantees on the basis of assurances received from the Government of Israel and from the leadership of certain Lebanese groups with which it has been in touch.

Crucial paragraphs from the U.S. State Department's official evacuation plan of August 1982, shown to the Jordan Times by Abu

were the subject of different interpretations and were viewed by some Palestinian observers "to give enough room for the Palestinian leadership to move on the American front.'

The PNC resolutions left the door half open for the Reagan initiative", one senior Palestinian official told the Jordan Times right after the conclusion of the PNC

Abu Jihad said: "The Reagan initiative said no to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, no to an independent Palestinian state and no to the PLO, the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Moreover, what has President Reagan given to the Arabs? He wants them to accept proposals that do not measure up to their aspirations and yet fail to pressure Israel into withdrawing its army from Lebanon and bringing about a freeze on the Israeli settlements."

Since the U.S. president announced his proposals for a com-

1.25 million Palestinians living there in association with Jordan. The question of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian peace negotiating team, as called for by the U.S., was also raised at the talks, but no decision has been taken yet. Reports that the PLO was ready to accept the idea of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian peace negotiating team in which the Paldrawn from PLO members have repeatedly been denied by the organisation officials.

Asked whether this PLO stand means that the organisation is more interested in itself than the restoration of the occupied Arab land, Abu Jihad said that "there is no basis for such an accusation because the issue of the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and the struggle for the liberation of the Israeli-occupied land are inseparable." Referring to the PLO's rel-

ations with Syria that were strained after the invasion of Lebanon but were described as "strategic" by the PNC resolutions. Abu Jihad said that differences with Syria should be settled and relations should be strengthened.

Despite the fact that our relations with Syria were strained after the war in Lebanon due to our different conceptions of the role that should have been played by Syria during the war, and due to differences over our interpretation of the nature of the political struggle that should be taken at this stage (after the departure of the PLO from Beirut). we believe that these differences should be resolved," he said.

The "strategic character" of relations with Syria, he said, stems from the common threat that the Palestinian and Syrian forces face in Lebanon. "Furthermore, it is imperative for the struggle against the Israeli aggression that relations between the PLO, Jordan and Syria be strengthened," he added.

"Jordan. Syria and the PLO represent a major link in the struggle for the liberation of the occupied Arab territories and the people under occupation" he said. "Therefore, the PLO will concentrate its efforts to patch up-Arab differences and unite the Arab stand on the major issues," he added.

#### PLO to step up attacks

Abu Jihad said the PLO will continue to endorse political moves. But, he said, that does not mean that the PLO has dropped the "military option". Abu Jihad said the PLO is determined to continue armed struggle against Israel in all Israeli-occupied territories, including Lebanon. "The latest wave of attacks against Israeli army units is part of an escalated drive to resist the enemy," he said. "I am announcing to you an open secret that PLO fighting units have been given orders to step up their attacks both in the occupied Palestinian territories and in Lebanon." Abu Jihad said negotiations

with the Israelis, through the Intemational Red Cross and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, on exchanging prisoners of war have been bogged down by Israeli intransigence over supplying a list of those Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners whom Israel transferred from Al Ansar camp near Sidon to unknown jails elsewhere. "Once the Israelis provide us with the list. the negotiations will resume ". he The PLO is willing to exchange

eight Israeli prisoners captured during the war for 1,000 Palestinians detained in Israeli persons, he said. These Palestinians include all Palestinian women imprisoned in Israel, all the severely sick prisoners, all those serving long or life sentences. Ziad Abu Ein who was extradited by the U.S. to Israel in 1981, the 1948 Arabs who are detained for political reasons and a number of Jewish activists, Abu Jihad said. The PLO also demanded the return of the contents of the Palestine Research Centre which was looted by the Israeli forces when they entered west Beirut last September, he added.

#### Randa Habib's

# Abusing their privilege

You must have all, at least once in your life, had to draw in quickly to the right to give way to an ambulance. And you were absolutely right to do so. We all know that an ambulance with sirens screarning usually transports an ailing person who needs urgent medical care and that it is absolutely necessary to give way.

However, an incident I witnessed recently made me think. It was at an intersection in Shmeisani. A line of cars was waiting patiently for the traffic to move. All of a sudden, the deafening sound of an alarm was heard. After looking in their mirrors and realising that this was an ambulance, the drivers parked as best as they could on the side of the road, some even parking on the sidewalks.

The ambulance went by. After passing the intersection where the traffic was densest, the driver of the ambulance started laughing. With his head out of the window he looked mockingly at the other drivers, as if to say "I got you".

Evidently this man did not have any sick person with him, but as the traffic was moving so slowly he took advantage of his status to get the road cleared. This is undoubtedly very serious, and such drivers should be severely admonished, because they are cheating

If such incidents occurred often, drivers wouldn't bother to make way for ambulances, thinking that it might be a joke. The sick will be the ones to suffer. Our police should be very severe with joking ambulance drivers,

and with the drivers of official cars who also take advantage of their sirens, while they have no official person in their car, to avoid stopping at red lights. Certainly, some cars, for security or health reasons, should have

priority, but jokers should not be allowed to take advantage of this.

#### Opinion--Al Ra'i

#### Wrong approach to manpower By Tareq Masarwah

The Anti-Narcotics Department have recently published an informative and horrifying report on the activities of criminals of non-Jordanian nationality who market narcotics in Jordan. We wish the Public Security Department made a habit of publishing reports of a similar nature on other offences--murder, robbery. rape etc.--that are committed with increasing frequency in our society.

Jordan has always been a passage for drug trafficking. but it has never been a home for this kind of crime. Crime, of all kinds, was scarce. The situation is now dif-

ferent. The country is invaded by newcomers who cannot be regarded as the best representatives of their countries. The guestion is not only one of public security, but of political, economic and social consequence. We think that the emergence

of new crimes in our society is an aspect of the "business" approach to manpower planning. The endless talk of "exporting Jordanian skills" and of the contribution Jordanians can make to developing fraternal countries is simply a cover for the mentality that seeks to export a more costly commodity and to import a cheaper one, regardless of the loss and profit balance regarding national interests.

In the 1940s and 50s it was quite natural that some of our labour force should emigrate. Unemployment then prevailed, and the lack of economic activity made it iustifiable for workers to seek a living abroad. In the mid-60s, the Jor-

danian economic planners should have taken a decision to expand vocational training in Jordan. The emigration of the labour force should then have been controlled, as the Jordanian economy began to witness considerable growth.

The Israeli occupation of the West Bank should have hardened Jordan's attitude to the emigration problem. It is in no one's interest, except Israel's, to evacuate the West Bank and deprive it of its young workers. At the same time, it was definitely not in Jordan's interest to implant the Jordan Valley with an imported labour force. while the Israelis were covering the other bank of the river with their settlements. Their militaristic concentrations should have been answered by concentrating productive and fighting manpower in the valley. instead of facilitating people's emigration to Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States. America or Canada.

We are now paying for the "business mentality" in manpower planning with crime in our cities and superficial education from non-Jordanian teachers in our schools, while Jordanian teachers are working in the Gulf states.

But it is never too late; we might need to take tough measures, but it would be more than worthwhile if we could come to regard our country as a homeland, not as a marketplace, and our countrymen as citizens, not as tourists who stay where they like when they Let us think of exporting the

products of Jordanian skill and effort, instead of exporting the Jordanians.

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"Le Cure de Tours" (6:00 p.m.) at the French Cultural Centre.

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Paintings by Omer Fawzi, at the Al Art Gallery.
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- Agricultural exhibition, at the Ur

Video films at the American Centre starting, 4:00 p.m. (A special com-memoration of Alghanistan day). Video for children (5:00 p.m.) and

#### **MUSEUMS**

Rolldore Museum: Jewelry and cosrumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre. Amman, Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5
p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.
Jerdan Archaeological Museum: Has an
excellent collection of the anniquities of
Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official bolidays 10.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.). Closed Thesdays.

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Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a

collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal

#### WHAT'S GOING ON Laweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

Military Museum: Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening bours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, ecetc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

#### SERVICE CLUBS

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#### CHURCHES

Eighth Circle. Tel, 815261.

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, tel. 24590. Charch of the Assumptiation (Roman De la Salle Cherch (Roman Catholic) Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, 23541. Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, 43453. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrulieh, Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafich St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 71751.
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Hanika defeats King

BOSTON (R) - Sylvia Hanika of breaks in the opening set. Second

# Tones, McCrory draw fight

DA SENO. Nevada (R) — Welshman Tolin Jones is convinced it is only Lloy matter of time before he is crowned World Boxing Council WBC) welterweight champion.

After battling to a draw against ·tory American Milton McCrory in the 12-round contest for the vacant itle here Saturday, the European hampion, 24 Sunday, admitted: fina I know I'm destined to win this

itati "I'm disappointed I didn't win...but it's my fault I didn't. I knew I had to take it to him, so I Jid. But not soon enough I guess."

Jones began his bid for the title vacated by the great Sugar Ray Leonard as rank outsider with only a handful of support among the 4,000 spectators.

> But he finished with most of the crowd behind him as he relentlessly pursued McCrory aroand the ring trying to land the one big punch which would have

McCtory, quicker, taller and more stylish than Jones, took the first five rounds before the Briton railied to snatch rounds six to ! I -- and came within a whisker of ending the bout in the ninth.

Mayer wins

Rotterdam

Grand Prix

ROTTERDAM (R) - American

Jone Mayer beat Argentine Gui-

lermo Vilas 6-1, 7-6 in the final of

he Rotterdam Tennis Grand Prix

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Mayer took the tiebreak second

at 11-9 after Vilas had earlier

The American won \$50,000

ix matches against Vilas.

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Tennis Cup

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ZURICH (R) - A record 34

countries have entered for the

Federation Cup Women's team

tennis tournament here next July.

making it necessary to hold a qua-

lifying round, the organisers said.

International Tennis Federation

(TF) had decided to stage a qua-

lifving round for 14 teams the day

before the scheduled start of the

week-long tournament on July 18.

The United States, who have

won the trophy for the past seven

years, will include world number

one Martina Navratilova and

Andrea Jaeger. Both will be pla-

ying in Switzerland for the first

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Last year's entry was 32 teams.

They told a press conference the

and Vilas \$25,000,

One judge scored the fight 116-114 in favour of Jones, another 116-113 in favour of McCrory. The third scored it even.

WBC President Jose Sulaiman ordered the two to meet again to decide the title, but the fight will not take place for at least 11 weeks.

Jones, the WBCs number two contender, said he felt he had one chance to end it early. "I thought I could have finished him in the ninth but he has great heart and

"If the fight had gone 15 rounds I'd have been there on top. I'd have loved three more rounds."

Jones hurt McCrory, the number one contender, in the ninth with a solid right-left combination to the head then pinned him on the ropes with a barrage of body blows before the bell sounded to save the American.

roobed," he said.

three and a half rounds. I did it in Britain.

LONDON (R) - Former Eur-

opean Footballer of the Year.

being released from English sec-

Simonsen, who has scored nine

goals since being signed from Spa-

nish club Barcelona for £325,000

Denmark - his first senior club --

And that means he has cost the

struggling south London club

£20,312 (\$30,000) a game, exc-

luding his £1.500 (\$2.200) a week

wages. He plays his last game for

the club at home against Leeds

women's road relay

Britain was second in 2.21:57

The Soviet runners took the

lead throughout the race in which

division Sunday when both sides

Aston Villa of England last week.

won a hard-earned point at Pisa

which maintains their challenge

for the league title with only six

opean Football Union (UEFA)

Cup by Benfica of Portugal in

midweek, could find no comfort in

Roma, bundled out of the Eur-

were held to goalless draws.

and the United States third with

2.23:41.

over a marathon course here of Japanese groups.

20 teams took part, including nat- UCLA was 12th.

Juventus in Italian league

ROME (R) - Rome maintained their match with Udinese, the lea-

their three-point lead over Juv-entus at the top of the Italian first reased their tally of draws to 17

European Cup semi-finalists a place in Europe next season by

Juventus, who putout champions beating Ascoli 2-1 with a late goal

Roma stays ahead of

on a free transfer.

(\$481,000) is returning to Vajle in continue to be paid in instalments.

Soviets win 1st international

YOKOHAMA, Japan (R) - The ional contingents from nine cou-

Soviet Union Sunday won the first ntries, the University of California

international women's road relay at Los Angeles (UCLA) and local

42.195 km (26 miles 385 yards) in The course was divided into six

two hours 19 minutes and 53 sec-

just six months and 16 games.

the 12th when I dug down in my heart and out-hustled him."-

But Jones's manager. Eddie Thomas, said: "One of Colin's shots was worth six of milt's powder-puff punches. If we'd done a little more in the 12th we would have won. If it had gone 15. we certainly would have won."

The WBC ordered all its title bouts reduced from 15 rounds to 12 following South Korean Duk Koo Kim's death last November after fighting World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion Ray Mancini.

It was the first time since 1979 that Jones has been taken the distance. The rematch will take place after a 45-day recuperation period and 30 days for promoters to negotiate the purse. The venue will not be decided until promotional rights are secured.

Under the rules the two men must fight againt within 90 days. But McCrory. 21, thought he though this may be extended if had done enough at the final bell McCrory, who broke his right to win the title on points. "I was hand last June, needs more time.

British promoter Mickey Duff. 'I don't know why they called it who was at the ringside, said he a draw. He only fought for three or will put in a bid to bring the fight to

Charlton releases Simonsen Charlton have agreed to release Simonsen. European Footballer Allan Simonsen of Denmark, is of the Year in 1977, because they cannot afford to pay Barcelona ond division club Charlton after the remaining £180,000 just six months and 16 games. (\$266,400) due after June 1.

But club chairman Mark Hulver

"We want to be fair to Allan

and to ourselves and there is no

point in making a commitment we

could not live with," he said.

"With Allan's wages it would have

cost us about half a million pounds

(\$750,000) to keep him here for

kilometres (three and six miles).

The Japanese national team was

fourth. followed by France. Italy.

New Zealand, China and Kenya.

Verona continued their push for

Alessandro Altobelli, the only

Italian international to keep his

form since Italy's World Cup vic-

tory last year, hit a hat-trick in

Inter Milan's 3-1 home win over

Cesena. He is now the first div-

ision's leading scorer with 13

from 24 league games.

to stay third.

confirmed the first £145,000

(\$214,600) of the transfer fee will

Howarth, dropped for the oneday game at Napier Saturday, regained his place at the expense of Jeremy Coney, while Sri Lanka replaced Vinodhan John with Sri-

New Zealand in. For three hours first wicket.

Lance Cairns crashed two sixes

rizio Oliva easily retained his Eur-

opean light welterweight boxing

crown by knocking out Spaniard

Francisco Leon in the 11th round

of a one-sided contest here Sat-

Oliva, making the first defence of the title he took in January, flo-

ored his opponent with a flurry of rights and lefts midway through

the penultimate round of the sch-

eduled 12-round fight.
The 27-year-old Spaniard's

brawling roundhouse style was

never a match for the stylish com-

posure of the former Olympic

champion, who took immediate

command and had built up an

impressive lead before sending his

It was the 24-year-old Italian's

27th consecutive victory in an

opponent to the canvas.

unbeaten career.

urday night.

West Germany beat Billie Jean seed Austin fought back in the King 7-5, 6-2 in the semi-finals of second then the Australian scored a \$150,000 women's tennis touan eleventh game third-set break. rnament Saturday night--then Fourth-seeded Hanika joined

joined tennis celebrities on court tennis celebrities in a tribute to for a special tribute to the veteran King, 39, for her 25-year contribution to women's tennis. In the other semi-final. Aus-Among those who took part was tralian Wendy Turnbull fought off Bobby Riggs, King's rival in a celthree break points to win a dec- ebrated battle of the sexes some isive final set and a 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 years ago. triumph over Tracy Austin of the

Hanika eliminated fifth-seeded Third-seeded Turnbull's out- King by gaining decisive service standing net play gained her three breaks in each of their two sets.

#### New Zealand scores easy win over Sri Lanka

over Sri Lanka here Sunday in a one-day cricket match that ended

U.S. star.

Glenn Turner's 140, the highest innings by a New Zealander this season. lifted the home side to 304 for five wickets off 50 overs. Sri Lanka could score only 188 for six the score up to 304.

one-day match this season and the coming from the first 10 overs. win was their ninth in succession. including a clean sweep over Sri Lanka in three one-day matches and two five-day tests.

Sri Lanka won only one of the through. nine matches played during their

Play started under heavy skies

New Zealand captain Geoffrey tharan Jeganathan. Sri Lanka won the toss and sent

Tumer tormented the Sri Lankan bowlers as he and Bruce Edgar put on 132 runs in 112 minutes for the The stand was broken when

Edgar hit a fierce straight drive off Yohan Gunasekera's bowling and Ashantha de Mel took a brilliant catch low down.

AUCKLAND (R) - New Zea- in a quick 18, and then John land scored an easy 116 run win Wright (45) joined Turner in a 72-run third wicket stand.

But with the total at 279. Turthe visiting side's month-long ner's innings was over as he chipped a catch to Ravi Ratnayeke at square leg off Rumesh Rat-

nayake's bowling. Brothers Jeff and Martin Crowe then came together and brought

Sidath Wettimuny and Susil It was the first time that New Fernando gave Sri Lanka a safe Zealand had surpassed 300 in a but slow start, with only 16 runs Their stand was worth 55 in 20

overs when Fernando tried a quick single and bowler Martin Crowe ran Wettimuny out on his follow-Yohan Gunasekera hit out bus-

ily and after 27 overs Sri Lanka and rain held off for the rest of the behind the New Zealand score at were 110 for one, only four runs the same stage. But Cairns came back into the

> fifth he had Gunasekera caught by Turner at mid-wicket. Cairns struck again in his next over, enticing Duleep Mendis to

> mishit a drive and Wright had an easy catch. The New Zealander went on to

> bowl de Silva to give himself four wickets in 14 balls at a cost of five

Ranjan Madugaile and de Mei . lasted half an hour before de Mel was caught by Hadlee at mid-wicket. The match then quietly

now lost twice in 30 outings.

The first knockdown came at

the beginning of the fifth round

when Oliva sent him sprawling

through the ropes with a right

defeat in the following round.

After clambering to his feet after

being dropped a second time he

staggered around the ring while

Oliva picked him off at will with

Somehow the challenger man-

aged to hang on grimly for almost

five more rounds. He defied

Oliva's attempts to knock him out

his sharp jabs.

Leon seemed on the verge of



Dwight Braxton lands a left to the head of Michael Spinks in their fight at Atlantic City Convention Hall

# Spinks plans an assault on heavyweight division

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey win the World Boxing Council (R) — Michael Spinks, the first (WBC) crown, in September. boxer in 11 years to win the undisputed world light-heavy a eight championship, is planning an assault on the full heavyweight div-

Boxing promoter Butch Lewis said Saturday that Spinks would move up a division if he won his next two fights -- both rematches--against Eddie Mustafa Muhammad and Dwight Braxton. And Lewis said: "He can do it. He's good enough to win that

Spinks will probably meet Muhammad, whom he beat to win the World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavyweight title 20 months ago, in June, Lewis said. He is likely to fight Braxton, whom he beat on a unanimous champion before winning the lig-

Veteran trainer Eddie Futch.

who handles WBA heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, agreed with Lewis: "I think Holmes is only going to have two more fights," he said. "And, given the calibre of the current crop of heavyweights, I think Michael would. do very well in the division."

Weight and height would be no problem for Spinks and many belleve he carries the power to do well in the division where WBC champion Michael Dokes would probably be his most formidable opponent

No light-heavyweight champion has captured the heavyweight title, although Bob Fitzsimmons reigned as heavyweight points decision on Friday night to hter title in the 1890s.

"I think I can do it, but first I have to worry about Mustala Muhammad and maybe Dwight again," said Spinks, who is unbcaten in 27 professional fights.

Spinks decisively outpointed Muhammad in their first meeting and would be heavily favoured to beat him again. But, apart from Muhammad and Braxton, the light-heavyweight division is bereft of quality challengers-and big-money purses.

But to win a heavyweight title. Spinks would have to improve on his performance against Braxton.

An explosive puncher with 16 knockouts under his belt. Spinks failed to land a telling blow against Braxton and was caught by Braxton's own powerful right which put him on the canvas in the eighth

#### New USFL attempts to expired. break sports fan habits Italian Patrizio retains European boxing crown

By Jack Cavanaugh

NEW YORK — Can America's major autumn sport--professional Gridiron Football--flourish from late winter until mid-summer?

If attendance figures and television ratings for the first two weekends of the new United States Football League (USFL) are anything to go by, it apparently

A group of multi-millionaires and two major networks have set up the new football league to run from early March until mid-July. It is much too early to say whether it will be a success, but club-owners. USFL officials and tel-

evision executives are elated over the initial response. Average crowds of about 40,000 plus substantial television

Oliva, sporting a gashed left eyebrow, said: "I tried to control Leon's desperate attacks but when I saw how dangerous he could be ratings have already convinced some doubters that, for many with his head I realised I had to go

But despite this promising start, sceptics expect crowd figures and television rating to drop when the major league baseball season beg-

ins in April. The new league also faces competition from other spring pursuits, such as participant sports. picnics, beach outings and a general yearning to be outdoors after

long winter. "The USFL is in direct competition for the nation's leisure time," said Arthur Modell, the owner of the Cleveland Browns of the long-established National Football League (NFL), whose

regular season runs from early September until late December. It's going to try to do what no other sport has ever tried to do--break the habit of the sports fan. The USFL is not in competition with us (the NFL) at all. It is in competition with a viewing

public geared to other major

sports events, baseball and participation sports." But organisers of the new league do not appear worried. They believe there is a vast year-round

sports fans, professional football viction supported by a survey in in the spring and summer may be a which 90 per cent said they watreal alternative to baskethall, ched pro football games and 76 hockey, soccer, tennis, golf and per cent of those said they would even the national pastime has- USFL games during the spring

> In the long run, the league's success will depend on its ability to attract a big television audience. The American Boradcasting Company (ABC) and the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) have

contracted to show USFL games for two years while guaranteeing each of the 12 teams about \$1.5 million per season. But U.S. television networks live and die by "ratings", and if the new league's ratings are uns-

atisfactory. ABC and ESPN. would be unlikely to negotiate a new contract two years hence. The new league held its draft of college players several months

before the NFL and succeeded in signing about a dozen outstanding

The prize catch was Herschel Walker, generally regarded as one of the greatest running backs in college football history. He signed a three-year contract with the New Jersey Generals last month worth a reported five million dolmarket for pro football, a con- lars.

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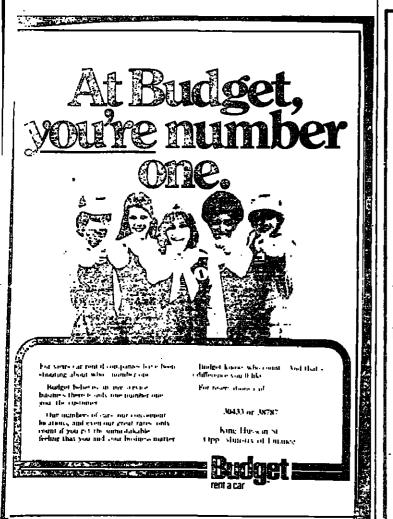
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# ECONOMY

#### Ecuador devalues sucre

QUITO (R) - Ecuador's government devalued the sucre by 21 per cent against all major currencies Saturday and announced a package of other measures to help the country overcome its economic crisis.

.The government said the package formed part of an economic stabilisation programme which the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and foreign commercial banks have set as a condition for debt

But the country's three major unions grouped in the United Workers Front (FUT) immediately called a 48-hour strike beginning on Wednesday to protest at the measures, which include a sharp increase in milk and fuel prices.

The official rate for the sucre was set at 42 to the dollar from 33 previously. The government also said that beginning on March 23 it was introducing a sliding devaluation of the currency under which it would be marked down by four Ecuadorean cents a day.

The price of milk was raised by 40 per cent and of fuel oils by an initial 15 to 20 per cent as the first in a series of increases which will double the domestic cost of heating and other fuels inside a year. The government said the measures were necessary because of the deepening international economic crisis and the drop in value of the country's exports, mainly oil.

Ecuador is also seeking to negotiate the refinancing of some \$2.5 billion of its \$6.3 billion foreign debt.

When the government of President Osvaldo Hurtado abolished heavy subsidies on the price of bread and petrol last October it sparked off a series of disturbances and protests which forced the authorities to declare a one-week state of emergency.

#### Oatar will cut spending

DOHA (R) - The Gulf state of Qatar will cut non-essential govemment spending by at least a fifth following a drop in oil prices and production, a Oatari daily newspaper said Sunday.

Al Rayyah reported that it understood the budget for the new financial year beginning April 14 would also bar the creation of new government jobs.

Qatar, a small producer of about 300,000 barrels daily of crude, stands to lose about \$1.5 million a day in oil revenue under an OPEC agreement last week cutting oil prices by \$5 a barrel.

Under a transition budget covering the 18 months from Oct. 28. 1981, the annual rate of spending was cut by a third to 8.36 billion Qatari riuls (\$2.3 billion).

Oatar, which bankers estimate has financial reserves of about \$14 billion, has largely completed its infrastructure projects and could live with a sharply reduced spending level, diplomats said.

#### Ghana, IMF reach accord

ABIDJAN (R) - An agreement between Ghana and the Intemational Monetary Fund (IMF) stops short of an outright devaluation of the cedi, the national currency. Finance Secretary (Min-

ister) Kwessi Botchwe was quoted Saturday as saying.

Accra radio, monitored here, said Dr. Botchwe told government members that the terms of an accord reached this year with the IMF, the World Bank and foreign commercial banks were a major breakthrough for Ghana.

He said that rather than devaluing the cedi Ghana had agreed to a policy of levying surcharges on imports and giving bonuses on exp-

# European foreign exchange markets will close today

foreign exchange markets will close Monday when European Economic Community finance ministers will resume their talks on a realignment of the European Monetary System (EMS), French Finance Minister Jaques Delors said Sunday.

He said there will not be a quotation for the French franc on any exchange markets which do trade Monday.

Mr. Delors told reporters he will report to French President François Mitterrand on the negotiations on the EMS later Sun-

He would not say what was bolding up agreement on a realigament of currencies within the monetary system and would not speculate whether an accord was possible when the ministers resume their talks here Monday.

would be no fixing of the French franc Mr. Delors said there would also be no intervention by the central bank.

Diplomats said this would in effect mean the franc will be allowed to float in markets where trading is possible. This raised doubts about whe-

ther France would remain in the EMS. Mr. Delors said he still hoped an EMS realignment was possible.

Talks between community finance ministers Sunday on currency realignment were ending without agreement, a spokeswoman for Belgian Finance Minister Willy De Clercq said.

A Danish spokesman said the negotiations had not broken down but the meeting had to end because Mr. Delors had to return to Paris due to domestic political

of an imminent government reshuffle in France after the resignation earlier Sunday of French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert.

Meanwhile, Mr. Delors gave notice Sunday that France would seek a large new loan from the European Economic Community, diplomats said.

of the 10 that the loan will be requested under the community's oil facility, they added.

France is entitled to claim up to \$6 billion under the facility. The diplomats said Mr. Delors

indicated the figure requested cover the whole French ent-

The French government last year raised a \$4 billion loan on the ctuations of currencies.

There is increasing speculation finance its massive payments def-

Reports of a separate large loan from Saudi Arabia for the same purpose before the end of last year were not confirmed.

France's worsening balance of payments deficit was a main reason for the franc's weakness in the foreign exchange markets.

The diplomats said that Mr. He told fellow finance ministers Delors, on the second day of a tense meeting also spoke of measures the French government would take to lift its ailing eco-

As France and West Germany appeared to be moving towards an effective eight per cent change in would be very high but would not the relative values of their currencies within the EMS. Mr. Delors also proposed a widening of the margins allowed for flu-

# History of European Monetary System

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Monetary System (EMS) was set up in March 1979, to provide a regional zone of stability in a world of volatile exchange rates but in the last two years realignments of

currencies have become more frequent. The EMS limits the extent to which its eight member currencies can fluctuate against each other, while floating against outside currencies, thereby facilitating trade.

Only seven currencies - the West German mark, French franc, Italian lira, Danish krone, Belgian franc, Dutch guilder, and Irish pound - are normally quoted as the Luxembourg franc is tied to the Belgian franc in a monetary union.

Membership is voluntary, but all European Economic Community countries are members except Britain and Greece. Currencies can fluctuate against each other within a band of 2-1/4

per cent above or below their central rates, except for the Italian lira. Italy was allowed six per cent bands because it doubted that the lira could be kept within a narrower range.

Once a currency reaches its limit against another, the two central

banks concerned have to intervene in the markets to prevent any further widening. If the French franc falls to its floor against the West German mark the Bank of France has to sell marks, while the German Bundesbank has to buy francs.

However, if the currencies put heavy strain on central banks, governments have no alternative but to alter the central rates, and frequent changes have been made.

Britain has frequently been urged to join the EMS to provide an anchor for the pound sterling but has always declined. North Sea oil revenues make sterling a petro-currency, so it often tends to move in the opposite direction to EMS carrencies.

The following adjustments have been made in the EMS: Sept. 23, 1979 - the West German mark upvalued by two per cent and the Danish krone devalued by three per cent, each against all other EMS currencies.

Nov. 29, 1979 - the Danish krone devalued by five per cent. March 22, 1981 - the Italian lira devalued by six per cent. Oct. 4, 1981 -- the West German mark and the Dutch guilder opvalued by 5.5. per cent, the French franc and the Italian lira

devalued by three per cent. Feb. 21, 1982 -- Beigian franc devalued by 8.5 per cent and the Danish krone by three per cent.

June 12, 1982 - the West German mark and the Dutch guilder upvalued by 4.25 per cent, the French franc devalued by 5.75 per cent and the Italian lira devalued by 2.75 per cent.

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MAR. 21, 1983

#### YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the day is adverse for taking chances. A time to get together with business allies and exchange viewpoints. Try to eliminate any conflicting opinions.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good good time to meet with persons whose personal interests are similar to yours. Strive to gain your goals.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can make big headway now by contacting higher-ups and stating your true

aims. Engage in community affairs. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Keep alert for new oppor-

tunities to advance in your line of endeavor. Contact experts who can be helpful. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Use your good

sense and intuitive promptings to clear up a difficult situation. Strive for happiness. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Ideal day to find out what is

expected of you by associates. Engage in a public affair and gain added prestige.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) The use of new appliances can easily make your operations more successful. Be sure to safeguard your fine reputation.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be more concerned now with advancing yourself in career matters. Take steps to make your living quarters more comfortable. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Talk to certain

persons who can give you good ideas on how to become more successful. Think constructively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use new systems that will help you become more efficient in your line of work. Be careful in conversations. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Go after your personal

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# Malta's economy is facing tight squeeze

Lourism revenue and reduced

exports. With trade closely tied to Europe, which takes about 60 per cent of Malta's exports, the economy has been hit hard by the effect of

recession there. The jobless rate is at its highest for 20 years, standing at 7.1 per cent in the last quarter of 1982

tral Bank of Malta calls an expansionary budget. This will raise state spending by 1.5 million Maltese pounds (\$650,000) to 223.6 million pounds (\$97 million) this

It hopes to get a large part of it

beaches and bays. The socialist government has responded to the island's economic ailments with what the Cen-

compared with four per cent a from foreign grants and loans. year earlier.

THE BETTER HALF By Harris Harris

"Since the TV was like one of the family, he says we should pay him \$600 for a funeral."

Tourism, a major currency ear- "With total expenditure exp- to about \$2.28 from \$2.41 in the ghting of the index sharply und- prices at November 1982 levels island economy is facing a tight squeeze with rising unemployment, high inflation, falling 750,000 people came to Malta's million pounds (\$8.5 million), the

rotation and the inflation past six months, the operators say erstates true living costs.

Prime Minister Dom Mintoff credit for past economic contents of the inflation past six months, the operators say erstates true living costs.

Western diplomats give Mintoff credit for past economic contents of the inflation past six months, the operators say erstates true living costs. 1983 budget should exert a substantial expansionary impact," the central Bank's latest quarterly bul-

The government also wants to cut imports and boost local production to save foreign currency.

But its scope for action is lim-We do not have any raw materials of our own, so, self-reliant as we may like to be, it does not mean

that we can be self-sufficient," a government spokesman said. Tourism has been hard-hit both by the recession and the strength of the Maltese pound which tour operators say is over-priced in

Although the pound has eased

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has hinted in recent weeks that a

slightly cheaper Maltese pound could have advantages. But "devaluation as such, I think, is just categorically ruled out," a government spokesman told Reuter.

Instead, local economists say they expect a continuation of a cautiously managed downward float seen over the past year.

Lending force to arguments for a further depreciation of the pound is Malta's inflation rate, estimated by local economists at

between 12 and 15 per cent a year. The official retail price index shows inflation at about 5.8 per cent year-on-year. But economists say the basis and wei-

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Mintoff credit for past economic management. "Prime Minister Mintoff has

been a frugal housekeeper," one said. "But revenue and expenditure are by no means as happily juggled as before," he added. The 1983 budget deficit of 19.6

million pounds (\$3.6 million) contrasts sharply with surpluses of previous years -- 8.5 million pounds (\$3.6 million) in 1980 and 12.2 million pounds (\$5.3 million) in 1981. Last year's figures, however, showed a 15.2 million (\$6.6 million) deficit in the first nine

The government's response to inflation has been to impose a wage-and-price freeze, pegging

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THE DESERT?

and halting wage increases from January this year.

The budget also provided for a five per cent price cut for some essential commodities imported under a centralised bulk buying

Faced with stagnant revenues. the government is relying mainly on foreign funding to cover the

Among external funding sources are cash grants expected to total 7.3 million pounds (\$3.1 million), mainly from Italy and the

European Community.

The government also hopes to raise 6.1 million pounds (\$2.6 million) in Ioans from Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi, and another one million pounds (\$400,000) in soft loans from Italy.

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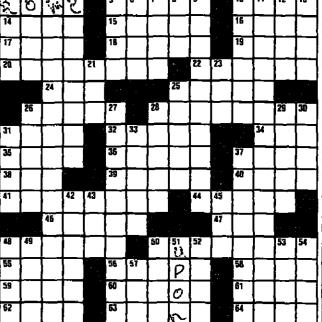
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#### JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arrold and Bob Lea It did one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. **SLEBS** YOMEN Land he showed so \_much promise after that lucky strike GUDDIE GIN SELDOM PROVIDES" SOURCES OF WEALTH. **BOOMAB** Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above carbon. Answer here:

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Answer: One of the last people you'd expect to find at a tennis tournament—A FINALIST

(Answers tomorrow)







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# Thai premier prepares ground for April 18 general elections

BANGKOK (R) — Thailand's Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda Sunday appealed for calm and urged politicians to cooperate so that a snap general election he called for April 18 could be held without

The election announcement Saturday night caught the country by surprise. It was coupled with the dissolution of the Lower House of Representatives after a week of political tension that had spurred fears of street clashes between rival supporters of politicians and the

"There is no reason to protest. Everything has been done in accordance with the constitution." government spokesman Trairong

In a radio appeal the prime minister said he believed the period of uncertainty had passed and urged everyone to be calm and help make

Last Wednesday parliament rejected an army-backed attempt to amend constitutional clauses curtailing the political power of the armed forces, due to go into effect on April 21.

Politicians saw the election announcement as the army's reply to the parliamentary defeat. The defeat was seen as a personal setback for army chief Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek, on whom Prime Minister Prem depends for most of his support.

Former Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj, leader of the Social Action

# Political row in Greece sparked off by killing

ATHENS (R) - The owner of a right-wing newspaper has been shot dead in Athens, sparking off a row between the right-wing opp-, osition and the government.

Opposition leader Evangelos Averof immediately termed the g killing of 71-year-old George Athanassiades a political murder. But a government spokesman accused him of prejudging the

Mr. Athanassiades was killed in his office at the newspaper Vradiai Saturday night by a gunman who also wounded a friend who was with him before escaping.

As an angry crowd of opponents of the socialist government, which Vradini had bitterly attacked, gathered outside the newspaper offices, Mr. Averof, leader of the New Democracy Party which Mr. Athanassiades supported, said that "in all probability this was a political murder.)

Monday with visiting Soviet Prime

Minister Nikolai Tikhonov to lead

to closer ties with Moscow but

without Belgrade giving up any of

first to communist but non-

aligned Yugoslavia since Yuri

Andropov assumed the Soviet

Yugoslavia broke with the Sov-

iet Union in 1948 over what it saw

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Officials said their differences

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Mr. Tikhonov's visit will be the

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He added that "the government has grave responsibilities because some of its members have created a climate of hatred among the Greek people."

Sources at the newspaper said a man around 30 called at the Vradini offices near Athens' central omonia square Saturday evening

and asked to speak to the owner. He was admitted to Mr. Athanassiades' first-floor office but left shortly afterwards, promising to return with something to show

When he came back he was carrying a bag. He was heard arguing with Mr. Athanassiades who at one point said "things like that don't happen, my dear friend.

"Then shots were heard. Police said they were mounting a massive search for the killer and had alerted all ports and airports in case he tried to flee the country.

Mr. Tikhonov's talks with Yug-

oslav Prime Minister Milka Pla-

nine will centre mainly on bilateral

trade and economic cooperation.

But world issues, relations wit-

hin the international communist

movement and between the two

countries' communist parties will

be covered in separate meetings

with Yugoslav President Peter

Stambolic and Communist Party

Party, the biggest in Parliament and a partner in Gen. Prem's coalition, told reporters: "Some people just won't accept defeat easily these days." He did not elaborate.

In an unusual procedure, the election announcement, signed by King Bhumibol Adulyadej on the recommendation of the prime minister, was distributed by the army's operation centre. The reason given was that the prime minister's office was closed.

With the election now held before the transitional clauses take effect, voting will be under a single constituency system rather than for a group of candidates on a new province-wide slate.

The old system is considered to favour smaller parties and independents. Diplomats said this could create a new parliament where no single party would have a majority and which would be more open

to army influence and intrigue. Prime Minister Prem said there was general consensus among the political parties that the old voting system was preferable and that the

country was not yet ready for the new provincial-slate system. Government spokesmen said the early poll would not affect two other transitional clauses--one banning serving soldiers from government office and the other stripping the appointed and armydominated Senate of its influence on major legislation.

These would go into effect automatically from April 21 no matter what the election result, they said.

#### Bonn policy-making held up by right-wing rivalries

BONN (R) - The related issues of foreign policy and the future role of controversial right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss have emerged as the keys to the shape of a new West German govemment.

Although conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl triumphed in the general election on March 6. the three coalition partners are taking far longer than expected to agree on future policies and the form of a new cabinet.

Earlier this week the coalition partners -- Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), its Bavarian sister party. Mr. Strauss's Christian Social Union (CSU), and the liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) -- said negotiations would be completed by Saturday at the latest

But when the deadline came they made a surprise announcement that they were suspending deliberations until Tue-

Heiner Geissler, secretary general of the CDU, said there was basic agreement with the other two parties on almost all major

But the vital questions of foreign policy and national security still had to be resolved, he said.

Mr. Strauss has demanded a top cabinet post to reflect his party's electoral strength -- the CSU took the FDP's place as second largest coalition partner in the Bundestag (lower house).

But he has also indicated that he would be content to remain state prime minister in Bavaria, so long as his party secured strong influence on future government pol-

The key area is foreign affairs. where Mr. Strauss is demanding changes in policies favoured by Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister and FDP leader.

#### Charles, Diana arrive in Australia with son

Poland and other issues would Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana arrived Sunday to remain but they expected the visit start a visit to Australia and New Zealand, and were briefly joined on the airport turmuc by their baby son for what is expected to be his only public appearance of the

> Nine-month-old Prince William was cheered by a crowd of about 400 as he was carried out of the royal airliner by nanny Barbara Barnes into the dazzling morning sunshine at this remote outback

> Prince Charles exchanged relaxed banter with photographers as they jostled for the best pictures. But the princess, wearing a light green dress and looking tired after the 23-hour flight from London, said nothing as she held her son

The outback is notorious for its clouds of flies which defy all eff-

ALICE SPRINGS, Australia (R) Charles, pointing to his son's foralready."

After a few minutes Prince William was returned to his nanny and left for an isolated farmstead at Woomagarma, in New South Wales, which will be the family's base during the four-week Australian section of the tour.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, who are spending three days in the Northern territory. drove off in a motorcade to a motel on the outskirts of Alice Springs.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana were to have been housed at a luxurious hotel and casino complex, but it was cut off by floods last week.

Instead, the royal standard was unfurled over the recently completed Gap Motor Hotel, where the prince and princess have a two-room suite with its own pri-

# Iranian para-military Ethiopian military push police chief

killed LONDON (R) - The Iranian commander of para-military pol-

ice for the southern province of Khuzestan was killed at a parade when a soldier opened fire on the stand, the left-wing opposition Mujahedin organisation said Sun-

The Mujahedin's Paris office told Reuters by telephone that Col. Sepehri was killed by a Mujahedin member in the Iranian army in the provincial town of Ahvaz on March 10.

para-military police. Col. Kuchak Zadeh, who was also attending the parade, escaped unhurt.

The chief commander of Iran's

The attacker and 15 soldiers were arrested after the shooting. the Majuhedin said.

It said the killing of Col. Sepehri was a protest against the continuation of the Gulf war and his role in sending untrained young Iranians to their deaths in the fig-

Finns hope

HELSINKI (R) -- Finns started

voting Sunday in two-day general

elections that could bring the Con-

servatives, who are forecast to

make the biggest gains, back into

The Conservative National

Coalition Party has been shut out

of government for the past 17

years, partly owing to a wid-

espread belief fostered by opp-

onents that its inclusion could aff-

ect delicate relations with the nei-

The urban-based party, gaining

strength as the Finnish population

has moved from the countryside to

the towns, is now forecast to win

around 25 per cent of the vote and

add about 10 seats to its present

46 in the 200-member parliament.

Pressure for the party's inc-

Moscow has confined itself so

lusion in government is bound to

mount if they reach this figure.

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parties and saying Finland's for-

HELSINKI (R) — Finland, which

is holding parliamentary elections

Sunday and Monday, is a dem-

ocracy which has learnt to live

comfortably on the border of the

After fighting the Soviet Union

twice during World War II the

Finns now co-operate with their

super-power neighbour on the

basis of a friendship treaty signed

They respect Moscow's security

interests by maintaining strict neu-

trality in foreign affairs, but have

been free to develop a Western-

style multi-party political system

NATO experts concerned about Soviets' deadly attack helicopters

By exchanging specialised eng-

and mixed economy.

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# Somalia fears another

MOGADISHU (R) — The president of Somalia has said that neighbouring Ethiopia may be contemplating a military push in the disputed Ogaden border area. scene of bitter fighting last year.

"The danger still exists," President Mohammad Siad Barre told Reuters in an interview Saturday night. "The Ethiopians still have the idea of going forward. We do not have official information on when or where."

Ethiopia and Somalia have been at odds for years over parts of southern Ethiopia largely inhabited by ethnic Somalis and claimed by Somalia. The two countries fought a war

in the Ogaden border region in 1977-78, when Somalia finally withdrew its regular troops after suffering heavy losses against Ethiopian forces backed by Soviet and Cuban units.

Fighting broke out again in the region last July, and Somalia accused Ethiopian troops of attacking border towns and occupying two pockets within Somalia. Ethiopia denied this, and said the fighting was between Somali troops and anti-government guerrillas.
Speaking in the presidential

eign policy of conciliation and

cooperation with the Soviet

All Finnish political parties have declared their backing for

the country's official policy of neu-

trality and good neighbourly rel-

ations, the basis on which Finland

maintains a Western-style cap-

italist democracy while sharing a

1.300-kilometre border with the

USSR. The Conservatives' opp-

onents suggested in the late 1960s

and early 1970s that the party

might not be acceptable to the

More recently domestic pol-

itical considerations kept the Con-

servatives out of government. The

communists, in the coalition for

most of the past 15 years, refused

to sit in the same cabinet as the

But the bitterly divided Peo-

ple's Democratic League, made

up of communists and socialists, is

forecast to lose around three per

cent of the 18 per cent support it

than most other industrialised 1982.

Apart from NATO member

Norway, which shares a short bor-

der with the Soviet Union, Finland

is Moscow's freest and most pro-

Responsibility for maintaining

this state of affairs lies with the

president, who takes charge of

foreign policy and can dissolve

parliament and influence the

began last year when former Soc-

ial Democratic Prime Minister

Mauno Koivisto was elected to

replace President Urho Kek-

konen, who retired through ill-

A new era of Finnish politics

composition of the government.

Union is not at issue.

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Conservative gains...

compound overlooking Mog-adishu, President Siad Barre said Somalia was ready to discuss an honourable settlement but negotiations could not start until Ethiopian troops evacuated what he said were positions held within

He said possession of "huge and unnecessary amounts of Soviet weapons" explained what he called the rigidity of Marxist Eth-

He ruled out his own presence in the Ethiopian capital. Addis Ababa, next June, when Org-anisation of African Unity (OAU) heads of state are scheduled to hold a long-delayed summit. He did not entirely rule out that a Somali delegation might attend.

Western military supplies sent to Somalia since last summer were far from sufficient, the president added.

"We have not received what is necessary for our security." he said. The president appeared angry when it was suggested that Western states supplied him with defensive weaponry only for fear that supplies of offensive weapons would encourage him to take the war back into Ethiopia.

won at the 1979 elections and

drop a handful of its 35 seats.

The league left the present coa-lition of Social Democrats, cen-

trists, liberals and Swedish Peo-

ple's Party members in December

in a row over defence spending.

and if it fails to get back in, a gap

could open up for the con-

servatives, political analysts say.

Conservative leader Ilkka

Suominen, 43, has stressed his

commitment to long-standing

The Soviet Communist Party

newspaper Pravda, which has in

the past attacked the Finnish Con-

servatives, appeared to be pre-

paring the Soviet public for their

election success in a recent article

which noted their rising pop-

But under Finland's political

The present government under

Social Democratic Prime Minister

Kalevi Sorsa is a coalition of Social

Democrats, centrists and Swedish

**Enter the Conservatives** 

After the vote the growing Con-

servative Party, effectively exc-

luded from government for 17

years ostensibly out of sensitivity

towards Moscow, could enter the

Finland shares land boundaries

with Sweden and Norway and a

frontier of 1,300 kilometres with

In Afghanistan the Soviet forces are flying Hinds in pairs for mut-

ual support, with a reconnaissance

Antonov-2 biplane flying as scout

and marker while the helicopters

attack with rockets and mac-

But the experts said the lessons

drawn from counter-insurgency

warfare would have little bearing

Helicopters would be needed in

much greater numbers in Central

Europe, where the Soviet Union

has an estimated 500 Hinds, they

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used in one operation, they could

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#### Story of Dali forgeries denied

long-running dispute.

NEWS

BRIEF

KARACHI (R) - Police used

batons and tear gas to disperse:

stone-throwing demonstrators

Sunday as religious violence,

which has already claimed seven

lives, continued to grip Pakistan's

biggest city. Evewitnesses said the

latest trouble was outside the area of western Karachi put under mil-

itary curfew Saturday after vio-

lence between Sonni and Shie

Muslims over the ownership of a

mosque. The two sects have a

Police, rioters

clash in Karachi

BARCELONA, Spain (R) - Art experts and close friends of surrealist painter Salvador Dali Sunday denied the claims of a Spanish artist who said he had flooded the market with false Dalis, Manuel Pujol Baladas, 35, told the news magazine Cambio 16 he had sold 400 works in the style of Dali. many with forged signatures. "Since 1975 there is more of my work in the market than Dali's." he said in the interview published on Friday. Maria Luisa Tomas, director of the Dali museum in Figueras told Reuters: "Things like this happen quite frequently and we do not attach any importance to it at all. People in the business will not believe it any-

#### Chinese pandas finally mate

WASHINGTON (R) - After eight years of apparent disinterest, giant pandas Hsing-Hsing and Ling-Ling have finally mated. Washington's national zoo said Saturday. The pandas were gifts from China in 1972. The 200 has been trying to mate them since they became sexually mature but all efforts were unsuccessful until Friday. The timing was crucial since female pandas are in heat only three days a year and Ling-Zoo officials said they would not be able to tell if Ling-Ling was pregnent until June or July.

#### Knitted ribbons found in Chinese tomb

PEKING (R) — The Chinese invented knitting some 2,300 years ago, according to evidence from the newly-excavated tomb of a noblewoman in Hubei province near the Yangtse River. The New China News Agency (NCNA) said some of the world's earliest examples of knitted ribbons were found on clothing inside the tomb. Archaeologists described it as a treasure-house of silk fabrics. The tomb, dug in the third century B.C., was discovered in the grounds of a brick factory near the

#### county town of Jiangling. Chinese woman jailed for abducting girls

PEKING (R) — A women's association official has been jailed for 18 months for kidnapping three girls and selling them to lonely bachelors, the China Youth News said. The newspaper said Wang Youping, chairman of Yingshan county women's association in the central province of Hubei, sold the girls for a total of 1.500 yuan (\$-760). Mrs. Wang tricked the girls into accompanying her to the neighbouring province of Annui where she locked them in a room before selling them on a street comer, it said.

#### Soviet schools try to combat divorce

MOSCOW (R) — Some Soviet

schools are trying to compat the growing Soviet divorce rate by teaching youngsters how to prepare for marriage, a Moscow newspaper has reported. The divorce rate has tripled in the past 20 years and coincides with a declining birth rate, despite a threefold increase in financial incentives to larger families over the same period. The newspaper Noskovsky Komsomolets (Young Moscow Communist) said in a story headed "the preservation of the family" that a third of divorces happened after less than five years marriage Young people are marrying on average two years earlier than they did in 1965 and are often psychologically unprepared for marriage and parenthood, it said.

#### Excluding the Soviet Union, ineering products for Soviet oil health after 26 years in office. and building up trade with the The current elections are seen Finland is the fourth largest cou-Scandinavian countries and Wesin Finland as the second phase of a ntry in Europe with a total surface tern Europe, the Finns have surpower shift which started with the area of 337,032 square kilorts to remove them, and Prince vate spa pool. presidential election in January vived the world recession better

#### GOREN BRIDGE

Yugoslavia to handle

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BELGRADE (R) — Yugoslavia over Afghanistan, Kampuchea, is expecting talks beginning here

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Some players grah a trick as soon as it is offered. But unlike birds, a trick in hand is not always worth two in the bush!

South had a rebid problem after North's one spade bid was passed round to him. He had a choice between one no trump and a jump in hearts. Eventually he decided that it was more important to stress the quality of his suit. Naturally, the jump rebid to three hearts was not forcing. but North had more than

enough to carry on to game. West started with the king and ace of spades and East completed a peter by first

playing the seven and then the five. West continued with a third spade and East ruffed to complete the defender's book. But thereafter declarer was in command.

He won the club return and used the two diamond entries to dummy to take two trump finesses. Ten tricks rolled in, and no one even noticed until much later that East had presented declarer with his contract.

It should be obvious to East that his side is unlikely to take a trick in the minor suits. Declarer has precisely nine cards in the majors, so only four in the minors. Since he must have both the ace and king of clubs for his jump rebid, those cards together with dummy's diamond honors will take care of all declarer's losers in the minors. Therefore. East must score two trump tricks if the contract is to be

defeated. That can be accomplished quite easily if East looks carefully into the position. Instead of ruffing the third spade, he should sluff a diamond! Declarer scores a spade trick, but the contract

is no longer makable. Now there is only one entry to dummy, because East can ruff the second diamond. All East has to do is take care to play the nine or ten of trumps when that suit is led from dummy, and he must get two heart tricks. The doubters among you can try

By Charles Lambelin BRUSSELS - NATO experts are turning their attention to what they see as a growing Soviet military threat --deadly flocks of heavily armed helicopters. Large numbers of "Hinds", the world's biggest attack helicopter, could be used to break through NATO defences if the Soviets

make an armoured thrust into Central Europe, the experts said. They are concerned about the proliferation of the Mil Mi-24. code-named Hind by NATO. following its wide and effetive use in Afghanistan.

Once dismissed by the West as flying wagons' because of their weight and apparent lack of sophistication, the Hinds are now reckoned to be a kind of deadly "flying tank" which could increase Soviet striking power.

Although the attack helicopter will never replace the tanks with their heavy armour and big guns. it has important advantages over ground vehicles.

The Hind can travel four to five times faster than the swiftest cross-country ground vehicle and ignore such obstacles as minefields and routes blocked by ref-

More importantly, with the advent of long-range missiles, it can engage targets several kilometres away. Tanks normally have to be within one or two kilometres of their target because of poor visibility.



This is a file photo of Soviet Union's MI 24 Hind helicopter, which would be the Soviet bloc's chief weapon against NATO ground forces in Western Europe. It is fitted with titanium armour and up to

16 laser-guided anti-tank missiles. The Hind has been used effectively in Afghanistan. (A.P. wir-

Red Star, the magazine of the sive Soviet investment in hel- of missiles. Soviet armed forces, estimates the icopter, armament and avionics ratio of tank to helicopter losses at 12 to one or even 19 to one in the helicopter's favour.

"The Hinds will play a sig-The Hind helicopter is 17 metnificant part in the armoured bat- res long, weighs 10 tonnes, has a tle by day and night and this is likely to increase given the masfully-armed men besides an array to small arms fire.

research and development," Col. John Everett-Heath, a British expert, said.

crew of four, and can carry eight makes it practically invulnerable

Emphasis on offence

The Hind's design lays strong emphasis on offence, unlike most Western helicopters. The NATO experts said its armoured plate

from the ground to about 1,000 metres in the air. More than 100 Hind-E hel-

added.

icopters, armed with laser-homing anti-tank spiral missiles, were deployed in East Germany and Czechoslovakia in early 1981, the experts said. Most NATO members have

plans to use helicopters on a large scale in a war, but they do not have a multi-role helicopter similar to the Hind.

But a new U.S. advanced attack helicopter, the Hughes Apache, with a 30mm chain gun automatic cannon, air-to-ground rockets and anti-tank missiles, could be a match for the Hind-E.

At \$10 million each; however, they are expensive. The U.S. army has reduced its planned requirements from 536 to 446, with first deliveries in February next

